

**Question for written answer E-002249/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Transformation of Cape Figari lighthouse into luxury hotel

Newfari S.r.l. has submitted a proposal for a project to transform the old semaphore station / lighthouse in Cape Figari in the municipality of Golfo Aranci (province of Sassari, Italy) into a luxury hotel.

In addition to holding historical significance, having served as the site for Guglielmo Marconi's short wave radio signal transmission experiments in 1932, the semaphore station / lighthouse situated at Cape Figari is located within a Special Protection Area (SPA) designated by the Italian Ministry of the Environment, in accordance with Directive 79/409/EEC (commonly known as the Birds Directive), and forms part of the Natura 2000 network.

In the light of the above and the European Union's recent efforts to protect biodiversity, can the Commission say whether the construction of a luxury hotel is compatible with the objective of 'conservation of all species of naturally occurring birds in the wild state in the European territory of the Member States' as set out in Directive 79/409/EEC?

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