

**Question for written answer E-000650/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Lifting of protection for Borsacchio regional reserve

By means of an amendment to the 2024 Regional Stability Law, which became Article 25 of Regional Law No 4 of 25 January 2024, Abruzzo Regional Council reduced the area of the Borsacchio regional reserve in the municipality of Roseto dei Abruzzi (Province of Teramo) from some 1 140 hectares to just 24.7 hectares, thus taking protection away from 98 % of the area.

Article 22 (1) of Law No 394 of 6/12/1991 provides for the participation of provinces, mountain communities and municipalities in the process of establishing protected areas, by dint of conferences to draw up the guidance document on the territorial analysis of the area to protect, its provisional perimeter, the setting of objectives to be pursued and the assessment of the regional effects of the establishing a particular protected area. That procedure was not followed.

From a nature perspective, the area of the Borsacchio regional reserve is extremely important to the region as a whole because it has extraordinary environmental matrices that are significant within the EU framework for conservation interest. The relevant Natura 2000 codes are 1210, 1410, 2110, 2130, 2230 and 2270.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Will it check whether Article 5(1) of Directive 92/43/EEC can be applied to the Borsacchio reserve?
2. Does it take the view that that the Abruzzo Region has infringed Articles 3, 4, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Directive 92/43/EEC?

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