

**Question for written answer E-000737/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Fulfilment of 30X30 protection pledges by Member States

As part of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, Member States pledge to protect 30 % of the EU's land and 30 % of its marine areas by 2030, of which 10 % must be strictly protected.

In this regard, it was expected that Member States would submit their individual pledges and thus their contribution to the 30 % protection objective, as outlined in the strategy, before the end of 2023.

As the European Commission mentioned in its answer to question E-003201/2023, up until the date of the answer (15/12/2023), only five of the twenty seven Member States had submitted their pledges regarding protected areas.

1. Could the European Commission clarify which other Member States have submitted their pledges since then?
2. What is the Commission planning to do in the event that Member States do not submit their pledges?
3. Based on the pledges that have already been submitted, does the Commission consider that the EU is on the right track to reach its protection objectives by 2030?

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