

**Question for written answer E-000986/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Support to farmers for bird damage

When visiting the islands of Pico and Faial in the Azores, I met a number of farmers whose farms are being adversely affected by the proliferation of birds such as the collared dove, the wood pigeon and the blackbird: protected species that have multiplied to such an extent as to be considered pests.

The farmers told me that, in recent years, these birds have inflicted thousands of euros' worth of damage to the wine and horticulture sectors and to maize crops.

In light of the above:

1. What steps can be taken to prevent these species from attacking farms in future?
2. What support can be granted to the farmers who have suffered huge losses as a result of these attacks?

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