WRITTEN QUESTION P-2847/03 by Miquel Mayol i Raynal (Verts/ALE) to the Commission

Subject: Plans to develop Salobrar de Campos - Es trenc

There are plans to build a polo field and accommodation for 2000 people in the Salobrar de Campos - Es trenc area in the south of Mallorca. The polo field would be situated on fossilised dunes (semi-arid zone) on a saltwater table, next to an area of wetlands and coastal dunes containing Phoenician juniper which has been designated a special protection area for birds under Directive 79/409/EEC¹ of 2 April 1979 on the conservation of wild birds and a priority habitat for conservation under Directive 92/43/EEC² of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora.

Is the Commission aware of this development project?

Has the Commission been consulted by the Spanish State on this project as required under Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive?

Does the Commission believe that this project to construct accommodation and a polo field is compatible with the provisions of the Habitats Directive?

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¹ OJ L 103, 25.4.1979, p. 1.

² OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.