

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2264/07  
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to the Commission

Subject: Aid to the fisheries sector and threat of mucilage in Puglia

The serious problem of mucilage along the Salentine coast is generating a crisis in the fisheries sector, causing extensive damage both to fisheries and navigation.

This problem is causing the death of numerous marine species, thereby damaging small-scale inshore fishing.

It is also having a major impact on tourism and the environment and the local authorities have already called on the minister responsible to declare a state of natural disaster.

1. What instruments or funds does Europe provide for small-scale fisheries to help combat the threat of mucilage or natural disasters in general?
2. Can it intervene in this specific case, without breaching the rules on state aid, since the conditions for a natural disaster have already been met?