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on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Commission is not aware of Loro Parque zoo having requested to be registered as scientific institution in accordance with Article 60 of Regulation 865/2006<sup>1</sup>.

The tasks of the Committee and experts groups supporting the Commission in the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97<sup>2</sup> do not include the assessment of conservation benefits from captive-breeding programmes of listed species. The Commission is, therefore, not in a position to judge whether conservation benefits for *Orcinus orca* are accruing from such programmes, including those carried out by Loro Parque. Nevertheless, the Commission underlines the importance it attaches to full compliance with the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 of 4 May 2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein, OJ L 166, 19.6.2006, p. 1–69.

<sup>2</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein, OJ L 61, 3.3.1997, p. 1–69.