

**Question for written answer P-001977/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

**Anja Hazekamp (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: Breeding Annex A specimens for conservation benefits pursuant to the Zoos Directive and Council Regulation (EC) 338/97

Pursuant to EU law, a 'zoo' licensed under the Zoos Directive (1999/22/EC), but not registered with a management authority as a 'scientific institution' in the sense of Council Regulation (EC) 338/97 (introductory paragraph 9; Article 7(b)(ii); Article 7(4)) and Commission Regulation (EC) 865/2006 (Article 60; Article 69(5)(b)), is prohibited from displaying Annex A specimens to the public (Article 8(1) of Regulation 338/97) without an authorised exemption. Article 8(3)(f) of Regulation 338/97 provides for an exemption when Annex A specimens are intended for 'breeding or propagation' purposes from which conservation benefits will accrue to the species concerned.

1. Can the Commission specify whether Loro Parque zoo in Spain is registered with a management authority as a 'scientific institution' in the EU?
2. Is the Commission aware through its oversight of the Committee on Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora, the Group of Experts of the Competent CITES Management Authorities, and the Scientific Review Group (SRG), of any bona fide captive 'breeding' programmes that return progeny to the wild and from which conservation benefits accrue to free-ranging populations of *Orcinus orca*?
3. What is the Commission's position regarding Loro Parque's cross-breeding of a wild-born Annex A orca specimen with captive-born Annex B specimens, without officially recognized 'conservation benefits'?

Supporters<sup>1</sup>

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