

**Priority question for written answer P-001552/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Bluefin tuna: 'floating room' and compliance with legislation in force

During the last fishing season in Italy a 'floating parking room', i.e. a transport cage as provided for by legislation in force for the purposes of breeding bluefin tuna (see Article 42 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1627), was positioned in the sea as the final stage of the operations involved in dropping down tunny nets.

However this cage is not intended for use in transporting fish, which would imply the presence of a fattening facility to receive the transport cage and compliance with mandatory procedures for transporting the fish, including the attendance of a regional observer from ICCAT (see Articles 33 to 47 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1627).

Furthermore, the weight of the fish cannot be checked if no ICCAT regional observers are present: tuna could easily be caught at any time as all it would take would be one scuba diver with a gun.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the existence of a 'floating room' in Italy?
2. Does it consider that this 'floating room' complies with legislation in force?

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