

**Question for written answer E-016012/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Mariculture farm in the area known as 'Torre Groppallo'

There are plans for creating a mariculture farm in the area known as 'Torre Groppallo', between the Communes of Genoa and Bogliasco. The farm would be located in a region important to tourism, and would cover an area of 200 000 m<sup>2</sup>, one kilometre off the coast and close to a Site of Community Interest (SIC1332575) protected by Directive 92/43/EEC, a habitat for *posidonia oceanica* and corals.

Feeding of the farmed fish, and the need to administer antibiotics to them, could interfere with the ecosystem, while the farm would require an increase in heavy vehicle traffic on land and premises for processing and storing the products on the spot.

Liguria Regional Authority has decided that there is no need for an EIA, but has not ordered an assessment of the impact on the SIC, as required by Article 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC.

1. Can the Commission check whether this project complies with Article 191 TFEU, the precautionary principle, and Directive 92/43/EEC (particularly Article 6)?
2. The licence to use state-owned property in this project was granted without a public procurement procedure. Is this compatible with European law on concessions?
3. If the project is receiving European funding, indirectly or otherwise, can the Commission indicate the sources and amount of such funding?