

**Question for written answer E-002040/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: New report on the alarming loss of wildlife

According to a recent WWF report¹, wildlife populations have declined by an average of 73% over the last fifty years due to human activities that destroy their habitats, this being exacerbated by climate change. The report warns that we are close to irreversible global tipping points, such as the collapse of the Amazon and the melting of polar caps, posing serious threats to humanity and biodiversity. It urgently calls for the transformation of food, financial and energy systems to avoid these catastrophes, stressing the importance of protecting nature and ecosystems.

In light of the above:

1. How does the Commission justify recent decisions weakening the protection of species such as wolves, in contradiction with the objectives of the Green Deal and international conservation commitments?
2. What immediate action will the Commission take to align its species conservation policy with the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the commitments of the Global Biodiversity Framework?
3. Given the crucial role of biodiversity in climate regulation, how does the Commission plan to integrate species conservation into its strategy to achieve the 2030 climate targets?

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¹ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1njCUoCPsSV8DNhtq-DiXrhY2keCrNdeZ/view>.