

Question for written answer E-002320/2024
to the Commission
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Subject: IUCN red list update, tree species and deforestation

On Monday 28 October 2024, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) updated its red list, a global inventory of the conservation status of plant and animal species, to show that 38 % of the world's tree species are threatened with extinction. Of the 166 061 species assessed, 46 337 are threatened with extinction and 10 235 are critically endangered. More than 900 species have already been lost. Islands and tropical forests are the areas most affected; the main threats are deforestation, urban development, agriculture and climate change.

Taking into account the recent Commission proposal to postpone the implementation of the Deforestation Regulation, I would like to ask the following questions:

1. What specific actions does the Commission intend to take to reduce the EU's footprint with regard to tropical deforestation, considering that the import of products such as soy, palm oil and cocoa contributes to the problem?
2. As climate change is one of the main threats to tree species, how does the Commission intend to speed up the implementation of the European Green Deal to mitigate this impact?
3. What specific measures does the Commission propose to support the conservation of endemic tree species, which are particularly vulnerable according to the IUCN report?

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