

**Question for written answer E-001732/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The EU marine action plan and the missing national roadmaps

In accordance with the EU marine action plan¹, the Member States had to submit roadmaps by March 2024 to present the national measures and joint fisheries recommendations needed to meet the action plan's objectives and support the EU 2030 biodiversity strategy. According to a recent analysis², only nine countries have submitted their roadmaps, and while some Member States have taken steps in some marine protected areas (MPAs), none have plans to phase out destructive fishing practices in MPAs by 2030. A recent study found that 80 % of EU MPAs barely regulate harmful human activities³, suggesting possible breaches of EU law.

In view of the above:

1. Has the Commission evaluated the roadmaps submitted by the Member States against the objectives of the plan, and can it specify when it will present an implementation assessment?
2. What action is the Commission taking with regard to those Member States who have not yet sent a roadmap, and how is the Commission ensuring that the Member States will submit their roadmaps as soon as possible?
3. At this stage, does the Commission consider that additional measures or proposals might be necessary to ensure the achievement of its objectives?

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¹ https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/policy/common-fisheries-policy-cfp/action-plan-protecting-and-restoring-marine-ecosystems-sustainable-and-resilient-fisheries_en.

² <https://europe.oceana.org/press-releases/multiple-eu-countries-are-failing-to-stop-destructive-fishing-in-protected-areas-analysis-finds-as-several-face-legal-action/>.

³ Aminian-Biquet, J. et al., 'Over 80% of the European Union's marine protected area only marginally regulates human activities', *One Earth*, Vol 7, Issue 9, 2024, pp. 1614-1629, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.oneear.2024.07.010>.