

**Question for written answer E-001788/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Collapsing fisheries and declining fish stocks in the Strait of Sicily

Sicily is the beating heart of Italian fishing¹, but its sector is in the midst of a major crisis. Recent reports from Sicilian fishers and fishers' associations² show a sharp fall in fish resources in the Strait of Sicily. Many vessels have stopped fishing as a result of the paucity of fish.

This state of affairs is compounded by the dearth of effective mechanisms for nurseries, even though catch areas have been restricted in an effort to promote repopulation. Years on from the establishment of protection for those areas, it is still not clear whether they are actually effective and able to support the regeneration of fish stocks³.

Therefore:

1. Given the critical nature and urgency of the situation, what support could be provided for Sicilian fishers affected by the crisis?
2. With a view to achieving the desired repopulation results, what steps could the Commission consider to ensure that nurseries in the Strait of Sicily are managed and monitored effectively?

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¹ <https://temi.camera.it/leg19/post/dati-sul-settore-pesca-in-italia.html>.

² https://www.ansa.it/sicilia/notizie/2025/04/24/pescatori-lampedusa-non-ce-piu-pesce-nel-canale-di-sicilia_8ecaffe6-1ad9-4cfa-90db-b0a9b7f9e8c0.html.

³ <https://www.sicilia.confcooperative.it/News/Primo-Piano/crisi-della-pesca-fedagripesca-chiama-regione>.