

**Question for written answer E-003540/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Consultation on the possible inclusion of *Asparagopsis taxiformis* seaweed in the list of invasive alien species of Union concern

In recent months, the Spanish scientific and fishing community has become increasingly concerned about the extension of the seaweed *Asparagopsis taxiformis* towards the coasts of southern Galicia. Although it is already a common species in southern Spain, its arrival in new areas could significantly alter the Galician marine ecosystem, not only by displacing native species, but also by changing entire ecological communities and ultimately affecting local fishing activities.

As it stands, *Asparagopsis taxiformis* is not on the list of invasive alien species of Union concern, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014.

Can the Commission provide information on:

1. Whether it is considering revising that list to include *Asparagopsis taxiformis*, given the risk it poses to marine biodiversity?
2. Regardless of whether that species is included in the catalogue, the EU measures or financial instruments that could be taken to control its expansion and mitigate its impact on the Galician ecosystem?

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