

**Priority question for written answer P-003372/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Relocation of a regasification ship off the coast of Vado Ligure (SV)

The project to redeploy the Golar Tundra floating storage regasification unit (FSRU) from Piombino to a mooring point off the coast of Vado Ligure is expected to have a significant impact on a number of Natura 2000 sites¹:

The relocation proposal fails to provide a detailed analysis and assessment of alternative locations, of which there may be many, as the problem is a question of mooring points, and is therefore in breach of the precautionary principle. The regional investigation contains a number of shortcomings and contradictions with regard to the impact of the project on those sites².

What is more, according to ISPRA³, the project is incompatible with the spot chosen because it fails to take account of the Isola di Bergeggi protected area (EUAP0911) or the procedure for the extension of the Fondali Noli-Bergeggi SAC⁴, a process initiated in response to an infringement procedure by the European Union for not identifying enough marine sites for the protection of bottlenose dolphins.

The Higher Institute of Health⁵ has also highlighted environmental and health safety problems in that connection.

In the light of the above:

1. In the absence of a valid and detailed analysis of alternative locations with the possibility of intervention, following a significant impact assessment, is recourse to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive an option?
2. Does the Commission plan to take action? If so, what action will it take?

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¹ Cetacean Sanctuary (EUAP1174), SAC Fondali Noli-Bergeggi (IT1323271), SAC Rocca dell'Adelasia (IT1322304), SAC Rocchetta Cairo (IT1321205), SAC Tenuta Quassolo (IT1322219), SAC Foreste Cadibona (IT1322326), SAC Ronco di Maglio (IT1322216) and Rocca dei Corvi – Mao – Mortou SAC (IT1323203).

² <https://va.mite.gov.it/it-IT/Oggetti/MetadatoDocumento/923669>.

³ ISPRA 2023.10.12_MASE attachment. Technical assessment downloadable at: <https://www.regione.liguria.it/component/publiccompetitions/document/53680:pareri-commissario-2366.html?Itemid=15064>.

⁴ Regional Council Resolution No 414/2023. The boundary of the marine pSCI will take effect when the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security sends the proposed areas to the Commission.

⁵ https://www.savonanews.it/fileadmin/archivio/savonanews/Istituto_Superiore_di_Sanit%C3%A0.pdf