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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Ricardo Serrão Santos**  
(PE585.608v01-00)

EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking  
(2016/2076(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. *Acknowledges the importance of* the action plan, but stresses its shortcomings as regards the incorporation of aquatic species;

*Amendment*

1. *Notes* the action plan, but stresses its shortcomings as regards the incorporation of aquatic species;

Or. el

**Amendment 2**  
**Alain Cadec**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**1a. *Draws attention to the fact that one of the commitments entered into by the Union under the Convention on Biological Diversity is to protect marine biodiversity in general in EU waters and on the high seas; stresses that the objective of protecting marine biodiversity should be pursued by a variety of means including action to combat IUU fishing, monitor all forms of trafficking on the seas, strengthen the external strand of the common fisheries policy and combat crime in general;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Nicola Caputo, Ricardo Serrão Santos**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Notes that the European Union's regulation to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing has made an impact, but insists on the fact that implementation should be more robust to ensure that no illegal fish enter the European market; suggests that EU members should be more consistent and effective in checks of catch documentation (catch certificates) and consignments (in particular from countries judged as high risk) to ensure that fish have been caught legally;*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**

**Ricardo Serrão Santos, Nicola Caputo, Renata Briano, Ulrike Rodust, Carlos Zorrinho**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Recalls that the species of sea turtles *Chelonia mydas*, *Eretmochelys imbricata* and *Dermochelys coriacea* are threatened by illegal trafficking and that, in addition to illegal catches, they are still bycaught in some industrial fisheries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**

**Norica Nicolai**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Reminds the Commission that aquatic species illegal trafficking also affects the economic development of coastal communities and the environment suitability of our waters;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Nicola Caputo, Ricardo Serrão Santos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Notes that the European Union's regulation to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing can only be effective in the long run if information on seafood imports can be shared among the 28 Member States in real time, allowing for cross-checks, verifications and ultimately, a coordinated approach in identifying and blocking suspicious consignments; calls therefore on the Commission to adopt an electronic database of information on imported seafood products in order to prevent potential abuse;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Alain Cadec**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Draws attention to the economic, social and environmental costs of marine species trafficking, which results in*

*marine biodiversity loss, endangers ecosystems, reduces sources of income for those engaged in sustainable fishing and is a threat to health;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**

**Ricardo Serrão Santos, Nicola Caputo, Renata Briano, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, José Blanco López, Ulrike Rodust, Carlos Zorrinho**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Recalls that the populations of sturgeon decreased dramatically due to habitat destruction and intense exploitation to meet the demand for caviar; The caviar trade is regulated by CITES and the exploitation of some species is prohibited;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Norica Nicolai**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Reminds the Commission that many aquatic species are also in danger of being extinct, which will affect the sustainability of many ecosystems;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Ricardo Serrão Santos, Nicola Caputo, Renata Briano, Ulrike Rodust, Carlos Zorrinho**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. Recalls that illegal coral harvesting, as with *Corallium rubrum* in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic Ocean, or accidental, as the one associated with bottom trawling and longline fisheries, constitute threats to habitats and the ecosystem services they support;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11  
Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2. Welcomes the fact that monitoring issues have been regarded as important, but calls on the Commission to be more precise in its mention of IUU fishing and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) in particular;***

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Or. el

**Amendment 12  
Jarosław Wałęsa**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Supports strengthening implementation of existing agreements as***

*well as enforcing new legislation on national level especially in developing countries to comply with CITES and IUU regulations by helping to develop programmes, create regulations, run workshops and assist enforcement efforts;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Norica Nicolai**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Calls on the Commission to include in the new action plan cooperation mechanism between the fight against IUU fishing and the strategies developed for fighting wildlife trafficking;**

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Alain Cadec**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Commission to acknowledge and *pay due attention to* IUU fishing carried out *in Europe (such as the fishing of glass-eels and sturgeon and damage to coral)*;

3. Urges the Commission to acknowledge IUU fishing carried out *outside EU waters and calls for closer monitoring of vulnerable marine species and species protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora*;

Or. fr



**Amendment 15**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Urges the Commission to acknowledge and pay due attention to IUU fishing carried out in Europe (such as the fishing of glass-eels and sturgeon and damage to coral);

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Commission to acknowledge and pay due attention to IUU fishing carried out in Europe (such as the fishing of glass-eels and sturgeon and damage to coral) ***and to do more to protect the seabed;***

Or. el

**Amendment 16**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Urges the Commission to acknowledge and pay due attention to IUU fishing carried out in Europe (such as the fishing of glass-eels and sturgeon and damage to coral);

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Commission to acknowledge and pay due attention to IUU fishing carried out in Europe ***and its immediate neighbourhood*** (such as the fishing of glass-eels and sturgeon and damage to coral);

Or. hr

**Amendment 17**  
**Ricardo Serrão Santos, Nicola Caputo, Renata Briano, Ulrike Rodust, Carlos Zorrinho**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

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acknowledge and pay due attention to IUU fishing carried out in Europe (such as the fishing of glass-eels and sturgeon and *damage to coral*);

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Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Isabelle Thomas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Stresses the need for DG MARE and DG TRADE to cooperate effectively in ensuring that IUU fisheries products are not imported into the Union and that the trade agreements negotiated do not include IUU species;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 19**  
**Ruža Tomašić**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Maintains that it must be ensured that measures under the Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking are consistent with EU law on IUU fishing;**

Or. hr

**Amendment 20**  
**Ricardo Serrão Santos, Nicola Caputo, Renata Briano, Ole Christensen, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, José Blanco López, Ulrike Rodust, Carlos Zorrinho**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Stresses the importance of fighting illegal exports from Europe of glass eels and European sturgeon used in caviar trafficking;**

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Marco Affronte**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Suggests that wildlife trafficking control measures should be strengthened, particularly in the field of online sales (purchases by aquarium owners, for example);

4. Suggests that wildlife trafficking control measures should be strengthened particularly ***on illicit trafficking of species for aquariums and*** in the field of online sales (purchases by aquarium owners, for example);

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Marco Affronte**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Stresses the importance of control, training and public awareness raising campaigns in order to enforce the action plan against wildlife trafficking in the fisheries sector;**

**Amendment 23**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Reiterates the need for continuing scientific research and technological development of fishing gear, so as to prevent by-catches and alleviate pressure on stocks of organisms that are the target of trafficking;

*Amendment*

5. Reiterates the need for continuing scientific research and technological development of fishing gear, so as to prevent by-catches and alleviate pressure ***in the form of catches*** on stocks of organisms that are the target of trafficking;

Or. hr

**Amendment 24**  
**Isabelle Thomas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Reiterates the need for continuing scientific research and technological development of fishing gear, so as to prevent by-catches and alleviate pressure on stocks of organisms that are the target of trafficking;

*Amendment*

*(Does not affect the English version.)*

Or. fr

**Amendment 25**  
**Ricardo Serrão Santos, Nicola Caputo, Renata Briano, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, José Blanco López, Ulrike Rodust, Carlos Zorrinho**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Suggests that the import permits for organisms or organism parts that are the subject of conservation measures be revised;

*Amendment*

6. Suggests that the import permits for organisms or organism parts that are the subject of conservation measures be revised (***Regulation 1185/2003 amended by Regulation 605/2013***);

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to apply the precautionary principle and ensure that import permits are not issued for wild organisms in cases where their import is having or could have an adverse impact on biodiversity in the countries of origin (endangered species) and/or the countries of destination (invasive species); stresses the importance of seeking the opinion of the coastal and rural communities affected;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**Norica Nicolai**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Encourages the Commission to use the experience gained in the fight against IUU fishing in order to improve the methods used to combat wildlife***

*trafficking;*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Calls for the Union to respond swiftly to applications from Member States for species to be included on the EU list of invasive alien species; points out that the Union's response to Sweden's application for the American lobster to be included on that list will be a good indicator of how committed the Union really is to protecting biodiversity;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 29**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

7. Stresses the importance of maintaining the traceability of fisheries products;

7. Stresses the importance of maintaining the traceability of fisheries products; ***emphasises that illegal and unreported fishing is a threat to the sustainable exploitation of living aquatic resources and undermines efforts to achieve better management of the oceans and protect marine biodiversity;***

Or. el

**Amendment 30**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Stresses the importance of maintaining the traceability of fisheries products;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses the importance of maintaining the traceability of fisheries products ***and ensuring that they are properly labelled;***

Or. hr

**Amendment 31**  
**Nicola Caputo, Ricardo Serrão Santos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Notes that DNA-based identification techniques can provide valuable support to monitoring, but also to targeted investigations for prosecution purposes; considers DNA-based tools to be ideal for identifying the origin of fish and fish products, since DNA is found in all cells and can be extracted even from fried fish;***

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Norica Nicolai**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Suggest that the system of issuing yellow and red cards to third countries***

*who are not cooperating in the fight against IUU fishing, might also be used as a mechanism for combating wildlife trafficking;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Isabelle Thomas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7a. Draws attention to the fact that legal eel fishermen are unanimous in calling for an EU label to be established in order to guarantee traceability and ensure that the market in eels is fair;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 34**  
**Marco Affronte**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7a. Stresses the importance of good quality data in the fisheries sector and good quality flow between the enforcement agencies responsible in the Member-States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Isabelle Thomas**



**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7b.** *Calls for tighter rules and controls on recreational fishing, which is not properly regulated at national level and can result in products being sold on the black market;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 36**  
**Norica Nicolai**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7b.** *Stresses the importance of traceability in determining the origin and the routes of wildlife trafficking in the EU in order to better combat it;*

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. Suggests that the surveillance and protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME), Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSA) and the Natura 2000 network be stepped up, in order to aid the conservation of species that are under pressure from illegal trafficking;

8. Suggests that the surveillance and protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME), Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSA) and the Natura 2000 network be stepped up, in order to aid the conservation of species that are under pressure from illegal trafficking; ***calls for the Union and the Member States to support action by coastal and rural***

*communities seeking to improve their livelihoods by protecting marine and land-based wildlife living in proximity to them;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 38**  
**Alain Cadec**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Suggests that the surveillance and protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME), Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSA) and the Natura 2000 network be stepped up, in order to aid the conservation of species that are under pressure from illegal trafficking;

*Amendment*

8. Suggests that the surveillance and protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME), Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSA) and the Natura 2000 network be stepped up, in ***ongoing consultation with all stakeholders, in*** order to aid the conservation of species that are under pressure from illegal trafficking;

Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Marco Affronte**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8a. Believes it essential to step up action against widespread depredation of rivers by criminals, who are smuggling out large quantities of fish for sale on north-east European markets without regard for the species caught or for the environmental impact of the disruption caused to wildlife; calls on the Commission and the Member States to cooperate in tightening up border***

*controls, so as to be able to intercept any such exports of fish intended for sale on the black market, which pose a major threat, not least to consumer health;*

Or. it

**Amendment 40**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*9. Suggests that action be taken to promote the use of tools that ensure the sustainable exploitation of sensitive natural resources;*

*deleted*

Or. el

**Amendment 41**  
**Ruža Tomašić**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*9a. Suggests that Member States invest the proceeds from trafficking fines in the protection and conservation of wild flora and fauna;*

Or. hr

**Amendment 42**  
**Ruža Tomašić**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9b. *Maintains that illegal fishing is destroying marine ecosystems and biodiversity, having a direct impact in terms of impoverishment of fish stocks, and undermining coastal and island regions;***

Or. hr

**Amendment 43**  
**Ruža Tomašić**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9c. *Points out that illegal fishing is estimated to account for 19% of the reported value of catches;***

Or. hr

**Amendment 44**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

10. Supports alternative sustainable production methods in order to reduce pressure on wild organisms (e.g. aquaculture);

10. Supports alternative sustainable production methods in order to reduce pressure on wild organisms (e.g. aquaculture); ***stresses that only marine fishery products of which the legal origin is certified by the flag state or the exporting state may be imported and exported within the EU;***

Or. el

**Amendment 45**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

10. Supports alternative sustainable production methods in order to reduce pressure on wild organisms (e.g. aquaculture);

*Amendment*

10. Supports alternative sustainable production methods in order to reduce pressure on wild organisms (e.g. Aquaculture) ***and calls for appropriate financial support to be granted to production of this kind;***

Or. hr

**Amendment 46**  
**Sylvie Goddyn**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

10. Supports alternative sustainable production methods in order to reduce pressure on wild organisms (e.g. aquaculture);

*Amendment*

10. Supports alternative sustainable production methods in order to reduce pressure on wild organisms (e.g. ***sustainable*** aquaculture);

Or. fr

**Amendment 47**  
**Jarosław Wałęsa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***10a. Points out the key role that coastal communities can play in contributing to the fight against illegal wildlife trade and***

*supports their role in the conservation of wildlife and environmentally friendly activities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Jaroslav Wałęsa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*10b. Is of the opinion that one of the most powerful tools for addressing illegal and unsustainable wildlife trade is to persuade consumers to make informed choices when buying wildlife-based products, encourages the production and purchase of sustainable marine wildlife goods such as those certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC);*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

11. Considers awareness-raising and environmental literacy initiatives to be essential;

11. Considers awareness-raising and environmental literacy initiatives to be essential *and believes that education systems and the media have a key role to play;*

Or. hr

**Amendment 50**  
**Rolandas Paksas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

11. Considers awareness-raising and environmental literacy initiatives to be essential;

*Amendment*

11. Considers awareness-raising and environmental literacy initiatives to be essential, *as is the implementation of more targeted initiatives*;

Or. It

**Amendment 51**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

11. Considers awareness-raising and environmental literacy initiatives to be essential;

*Amendment*

11. Considers awareness-raising and environmental literacy initiatives to be essential *for the protection of marine biodiversity*;

Or. el

**Amendment 52**  
**Norica Nicolai**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*11a. Reminds that awareness-raising among the citizen regarding the impact of wildlife trafficking and the importance of the traceability of the products is essential in combating illegal activities by reducing their market;*

Or. en

**Amendment 53**

**Ricardo Serrão Santos, Nicola Caputo, Renata Briano, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, José Blanco López, Ulrike Rodust, Carlos Zorrinho**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 12**

*Draft opinion*

12. Advocates introducing Europe-wide recognition for stakeholders who are particularly involved in the fight against illegal trafficking;

*Amendment*

12. Advocates introducing Europe-wide recognition for stakeholders who are particularly involved in the fight against illegal trafficking. ***This could have the form of a prize given to those who are particularly involved, sometimes risking their lives, on fighting wildlife trafficking in land, mountains, lakes, rivers and sea;***

Or. en

**Amendment 54**

**Alain Cadec**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***12a. Regards ‘effective multilateralism’ as one of the cornerstones of the Union’s external action and points out that the Commission regards it as the most participatory, non-discriminatory, and inclusive way to build international governance, in particular with a view to combating wildlife trafficking; stresses, therefore, the need for the Union to play a more prominent role in international bodies;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 55**

**Ruža Tomašić**

**Draft opinion**



**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**12a.** *Proposes that the penalties for wildlife trafficking, especially in areas with vulnerable marine ecosystems or lying within the Natura 2000 network, should be sufficiently severe to deter potential offenders;*

Or. hr

**Amendment 56**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

13. *Suggests that* the action plan *should* earmark financial resources and set out quantified targets so that the success of the plan can be tracked in the long term.

13. *Calls for* the action plan *to* earmark financial resources and set out quantified targets so that the success of the plan can be tracked in the long term.

Or. el