

Annex 1: Template email/ letter

Dear [MEP name],

I write to you in advance of the vote on the *Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the mid-term review of the EU's biodiversity strategy (2015/2137(INI))*, to ask that you stand up for nature by supporting this motion.

The motion contains a number of important recommendations, key of which includes the full implementation by Member States of the Birds and Habitats Directives (the “Nature Directives”), and the appropriate guidance, enforcement and other action necessary to do so.

There is vast public support for keeping the Nature Directives intact. More than 520,000 people across Europe spoke up to save the Nature Directives over the summer of 2015, the greatest number of responses to any European Commission public consultation.

Like the many that added their voice of support for the Nature Directives, we at we at XX Wildlife Trust know that these laws are our best tool to meet our commitments to reverse our wildlife declines and protect special wild places. Places just like [local example of site protected under Directives], which voters in [constituency] enjoy and cherish.

The UK has led the way in the creation of the Nature Directives and we should be rightly proud of them. The European Parliament should oppose any changes to the Nature Directives and commit instead to fully implementing them – as recommended by the motion – so they can work as intended and help turn around the state of nature by 2020. Please stand up for them now by supporting the motion so that our most precious habitats and species – like [local example] – stay protected and continue to benefit people and wildlife for many years to come.

[Your name]
Chief Executive
XX Wildlife Trust