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ENVIRONMENT
Directorate B - Natural Capital
ENV.B.3 - Nature
The Head of Unit

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Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your e-mail messages and letters to Commissioner Vella in which you express your concerns about the possible impacts on nature of razor wire fences installed along the Croatian border with Hungary and Slovenia. The Commissioner has asked me to reply on his behalf.

In relation to the fence placed along the Croatian-Hungarian border, so far the Commission did not identify any breach of the EU environmental legislation, including the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). It should be noted that according to the information available to the Commission services, the affected species are not strictly protected under the Directive and there is no obligation to designate Natura 2000 sites for those species either.

The Commission is also aware of the activities along the Slovenian-Croatian border and intends to closely monitor the situation to ensure that EU nature legislation is respected.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Notaro