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ENV.B.3 - Nature
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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

The Commission fully acknowledges the high biodiversity value of the Akamas peninsula in Cyprus, an area included in the Natura 2000 network both as a Site of Community Importance under the Habitats directive¹ and as a Special Protection Area under the Birds directive².

In that regard the Commission expects that an effective management framework will be put in place that will guarantee the conservation of the ecological values and functions of the entire area in full compliance with the requirements of the Birds and Habitats directives. It should however be noted that it is entirely up to Member States to choose the type of legal instrument they deem necessary for establishing such an effective framework.

In light of the latest developments the Commission will investigate the matter with the Cypriot authorities. Should the legal assessment reveal bad application of Union law, the Commission recalls that, in its role as Guardian of the Treaties, it may take the necessary action, including where appropriate infringement procedures.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Notaro

¹ OJ L 206 , 22.07.1992, p. 7

² OJ L 020, 26.1.2010, p.7