

**Onderwerp**

Statenmededeling naar aanleiding van vragen aan de Europese Commissie over de Oostvaardersplassen

Kern mededeling:

Onlangs zijn er vragen gesteld aan de Europese Commissie (EC) over het beleid met betrekking tot de grote grazers in het Natura 2000-gebied Oostvaardersplassen (EC P-002265/2018, gesteld door mevrouw Schreijer-Pierik). Deze vragen zijn op 4 juni jl. beantwoord door Eurocommissaris de heer Vella en daarin wordt in de eerste alinea verwezen naar een mogelijk onderzoek ("De Commissie zal de door het geachte Parlementslid genoemde informatie over de toestand van de desbetreffende vogelsoort onderzoeken"). Gedeputeerde Staten hebben geïnformeerd naar dit onderzoek.

Mededeling:

Gedeputeerde Staten kregen van de EC, Directoraat-Generaal Milieu, de volgende reactie:

"Over the recent months our attention has been called to the situation in the Oostvaardersplassen, this in particular with regard to animal welfare issues concerning the large grazer. More recently our attention was also called to the decline of bird populations and their breeding habitats in the area. Following parliamentary questions by Mrs Schreijer-Pierik we have been able to consult the report published in April this year by the external advisory body for the management of the Oostvaardersplassen (the so-called 'van Geel report'). This report contains a quite exhaustive assessment of the main conservation issues in the area as well as detailed recommendations for urgent management measures that need to be taken in order to halt the negative developments that can be observed in the area. The report insists on the need for the competent authorities to give top priority to the implementation of the conservation measures that have already been foreseen in the existing management plan and to reducing the grazing pressure in the area. It is now up to the competent authorities to decide on the appropriate conservation and restoration measures to be taken in the area. We are confident that the Province of Flevoland, as the competent management authority for the Oostvaardersplassen, will take the conclusions of the van Geel report very seriously and put in place such measures very quickly.

At this stage we do not intend to carry out any additional investigations from our side. I would however appreciate if either the Province of Flevoland or the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (in copy) could inform us as soon as possible on any upcoming decision concerning the area's management plan and its practical implementation in the field."

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