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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its response to the Green Paper "Marine Knowledge 2020: from seabed mapping to ocean forecasting" {COM(2012) 473 final} and apologizes for the long delay in replying.

The Commission appreciates the Riksdag's opinion that the Green Paper provides a good starting-point for further efforts aimed at developing accessible and sustainable digital mapping of European sea-beds by 2020.

All the responses to the consultation have now been published on DG-MARE's web-site [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs\\_fisheries/consultations/marine-knowledge-2020/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/consultations/marine-knowledge-2020/index_en.htm): The opinions expressed in the consultation will feed into an impact assessment where options for follow-up legislative actions will be evaluated.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue on this issue with the Riksdag in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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