



## Newsletter about Pesticides

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### Jurisdictional News



### France: Action against the State for failure to protect biodiversity

[Five French NGOs](#), *Notre Affaire à Tous*, POLLINIS, *Biodiversité sous nos pieds*, *Association nationale pour la protection des eaux et rivières Truite-Ombre-Saumon* (Anper-Tos), and *Association pour la protection des animaux sauvages*, [filed a lawsuit on January 10, 2022](#) against the French government for failing to comply with its obligations to protect biodiversity, two months after they had sent an [ex gratia appeal](#) seeking recognition of ecological damage.

This action, which is a world first, echoes the "[Affaire du Siècle](#)", in which the French State was [deemed](#) responsible for part of the ecological damage linked to climate change, since it had not respected its commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The groups ask the Administrative Court of Paris to condemn the State, on the one hand, to repair the ecological damage caused by its deficiencies and failures in terms of risk assessment and marketing authorization of pesticides, review of authorizations and protection of biodiversity against the effects of these products and, on the other hand, to put an end to all these failures.

To this end, the groups invite the court to order the State to suspend the authorizations and exemptions for products already identified as causing an inestimable loss of biodiversity, including all products of the neonicotinoid family, SDHI and products containing glyphosate.

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*Justice Pesticides needs your help to continue this work of investigation and information to support victims of pesticides.*

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