

# **Resolutions and Recommendations Sheets**

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# Resolution 42. Protection of biodiversity refuge areas in the Atlantic biogeographical region



Year	Congress
2016	IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS Hawai'i 2016
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
CEIDA  CENTRO DE EXTENSIÓN UNIVERSITARIA E DIVULGACIÓN AMBIENTAL DE GALICIA	UICN Meb y IBADER Universidad Santiago de Compostela, Castilla Leon gobierno regional, Galicia gobierno regional, Tragsa, Asturias gobierno regional, Fundacion HAZI.





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# **Petition**

Calls on the Director General to collaborate with Members and Commissions, especially in the Atlantic biogeographical region, to achieve greater awareness of biodiversity conservation, and, more specifically, the protection of biodiversity refuges. To provide technical and programmatic support to promote and strengthen existing initiatives and to share information on their conservation; and urge the European member states, and Spain in particular, as well as their regional governments, to promote effective measures to protect these areas, through the identification of such areas and the subsequent drawing up of management plans, or to reflect the importance of biodiversity refuges within existing management plans. Also, Encourages all Members and the Spanish administrations with competence in this field to cooperate and increase the efforts made to identify, protect and conserve these areas of special importance for conservation, as well as to collaborate in the transfer of information on biodiversity within the Spanish Atlantic region to the managers of this land and to the scientific community; and urges the European Union and its Member States to provide funds for the identification and protection of these biodiversity refuge areas in the Spanish Atlantic region and for the analysis of their sensitivity to climate change, studying the effects of the latter on these areas of importance for biodiversity conservation within the Spanish Atlantic region.

State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	

<u>Compilation and identification of ecological restoration actions in Spanish wetlands</u> (2016). It Includes wetlands in the Atlantic region.

<u>Proposal for the inclusion of the Maritime-Terrestrial National Park of the Atlantic Islands of Galicia in the List of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention). (2016)</u>

CONAMA Report "Protection of Biodiversity Refuge Areas in the Atlantic Biogeographic Region" (2016) Initial strategic document of the Regional Land Management Plan (PROT). (2016)

<u>Diagnosis of the Natural Heritage of the Basque Country 2016. Biodiversity Strategy of the Basque Country 2030.</u> (2016)

Peatland habitats in the Natura 2000 network. Diagnosis and criteria for their conservation and management in the Atlantic Biogeographic Region. (2017)

Diagnosis of biodiversity in the municipality of Bilbao. (2017)

<u>Special Plan for the Protection of Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity in Salamanca (PEPIVB)</u> (2017 <u>Strategic Plan for Natural Heritage and Biodiversity (2017-2020)</u>. It includes aspects of the bioconservation of the Atlantic area, such as:

- OSPAR Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic.
- Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Neighbouring Atlantic Area (ACCOMBAMS)
- Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)

Project <u>CONVIVE LIFE+</u>. Research project financed by the European Union which tackles the problem of integrating human activities into the conservation objectives of the Natura 2000 Network in the estuaries of Cantabria, through the implementation of environmental restoration and public awareness actions. In its fourth action: <u>Biodiversity Management Plan for the Victoria Marshes</u> (2018).





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<u>LIFE+ARCOS</u> Project. (2018) This is a project which is being developed on the Cantabrian coast and in which three Autonomous Communities are involved: the Principality of Asturias, Cantabria and the Basque Country. The aim of this project is to contribute to achieving a favourable status for different dune systems on the Spanish Atlantic coast, through the development of coordinated actions between different public administration agents with responsibility and competence in the management of the natural environment, research centres and the private sector.

Modification of the consolidated text of the Gozón GMP within the scope of the UA-I-LU-4. (2018) According to the Commission Decision (EU) 2018/40 of 12 December 2017, which adopts the eleventh updated list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region, the council of Gozón participates in several SACs.

Report "The Natura 2000 Network for Seabirds, ten years later. WWF". (2019)

### **UPDATE 2022**

<u>Technical Document on Green Infrastructure of the Pamplona Area and surrounding municipalities.</u> (2020). Promote the conservation of spaces and natural and semi-natural elements.

<u>"LIFE Fluvial" project.</u> (2020). Improvement and sustainable management of river corridors in the Iberian Atlantic Region.

Maritime Space Management Plans. III. Diagnosis. The maritime sectors: current situation and forecasts of future or potential development A. North Atlantic Marine Demarcation. (2021).

Guidance document on the rigorous protection of animal species of Community interest under the Habitats Directive. (2021).

Strategic Plan for Natural Heritage and Biodiversity to 2030. (2022).

RAMSAR wetlands in Spain: on alert. (2022).

The wolf and its conservation status in the biogeographical regions of the Iberian Peninsula: empirical references and law. (2022).

# Legislation:

<u>Decree 39/2019</u>, of 21 March, which designates seven sites of Community Importance in the Mountainous Region of Cantabria Biogeográfica and approves their Management Framework Plan. The purpose of this regulation is to guarantee the maintenance or re-establishment, in a favourable state of conservation, of the types of natural habitats and the habitats of wild species of fauna and flora in the SACs and the fl ora of Community interest.

Decree 24/2020, of 9 January, amending Decree 274/2001, of 27 September, approving the Natural Resources Management Plan of the Monte Aloia Natural Park and approving the Second Master Plan for the Use and Management of the Monte Aloia Natural Park. The territory delimited by the Monte Aloia Natural Park was finally integrated into the Natura 2000 Network as a special conservation area (Decree 37/2014, of 27 March, by which the places of community importance in Galicia are declared special conservation areas and the Master Plan of the Galician Natura 2000 Network is approved (DOG nº 62, of 31 March 2014).

<u>Decree 177/2018</u> of 27 December, approving the Master Plan for the use and management of the Maritime-Terrestrial National Park of the Atlantic Islands of Galicia, - Diario Oficial de Galicia, 18-02-2019. Code of Nature and Biodiversity. (2020) Includes the Atlantic region.

<u>Law of Cantabria 2/2021, of April 28</u>, by which the Natural Park of the Dunes of Liencres and Costa Quebrada is declared.





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<u>Law 7/2021</u>, of <u>May 20</u>, on climate change and energy transition. Measures are planned for the protection of biodiversity and its habitats against climate change.

<u>DECREE 90/2021</u>, of May <u>26</u>, which modifies Decree 148/1992, of June 5, which approves the Plan for the management of natural resources of the Natural Park Complejo Dunar de Corrubedo y Lagunas de Carregal and Vixán and by which the Master Plan for the use and management of the Natural Park of the Dunar Complex of Corrubedo and Lagoons of Carregal and Vixán is approved.

IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2022/233 OF THE COMMISSION of February 16, 2022 adopting the fifteenth updated list of places of Community importance in the Atlantic biogeographical region.

<u>Decree 47/2022</u>, of August 17, which approves the Alto Najerilla Natural Resources Management Plan.

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