


## Resolutions and Recommendations Sheets

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### Recommendation 135. Environmental impact of wind-based power production in Spanish and Portuguese mountain areas



Year	Congress
2008	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
	<p>Spanish Association of Entomology. Provincial Council of Malaga.</p>

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Petition	
<p>Urges the Governments of Spain and Portugal to: (a) carry out environmental impact assessments of projects having an impact on national and regional border areas, in line with the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, under which the Parties undertake to take all appropriate and effective measures to prevent, reduce and control the adverse transboundary environmental impact of planned activities (b) to prevent the development of wind energy production in protected mountain systems and not to authorise the establishment of related installations within protected areas (including those of the Natura 2000 network and areas considered relevant for endangered species potentially affected at international, national and regional level), and, with regard to surrounding areas, to evaluate alternatives and strictly apply Article 6 of the Habitats Directive; (c) establish exclusion zones for wind energy installations around the abovementioned areas, as the environment and species do not recognise borders, and the proximity of such installations to breeding areas, such as rocky areas or forest areas, as these can be harmful to animal populations in the most vulnerable periods; and (d) draw up wind energy plans identifying areas where wind energy production is authorised or prohibited, based on environmental considerations and not solely on the wind resource.</p>	
State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	
<p><a href="#">VIII Biodiversity Forum in Ciudad Rodrigo</a>. (2011).  <a href="#">Positioning of the Nature and Man Foundation (FNYH) in relation to wind energy</a>. (2014).  <a href="#">Reports by SEO/Birdlife and FNYH on the impacts of future wind farm projects in border areas</a> (2019).</p> <p><b>UPDATE 2022</b>  <a href="#">The evaluation of the repercussions of wind farm projects in the areas of the European Natura 2000 Network: legal criteria for the proper interpretation of the regulations in light of recent jurisprudence</a>. (2020).  <a href="#">Spain and Portugal advance in cooperation in energy matters and in the common strategy of demographic challenge on both sides of the border</a>. (2021).  <a href="#">XXXIII SPANISH-PORTUGUESE SUMMIT</a> . (2022). Spain and Portugal underline their commitment to strengthening energy connections between the two countries, by increasing European access to green electricity.  <a href="#">XIV Meeting of the Luso-Spanish Commission for monitoring cross-border cooperation</a>. (2022). Projects to improve energy efficiency will be financed, such as the “ <a href="#">Spain-Portugal Interreg Program (POCTEP) 2021-2027</a> ”.</p>	

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### UPDATE 2023

Modified project for the "Badulaque Wind Farm" facility in the province of A Coruña (May 2023). It includes sections dedicated to the environmental assessment of these facilities.

Environmental zoning for renewable energies: Wind and Photovoltaic (2020). This energy plan that will be carried out until 2050 promotes the evaluation of environmental impacts that may be produced by the renewable energy facilities. Environmental sensitivity indicators updated to 2023 are included for the wind and solar energy.

Legislation:

RESOLUTION of 6 October 2010, of the Directorate General for Environmental Assessment and Quality, which formulates an environmental impact statement for the "Malvana" wind farm project in the municipality of Valverde del Fresno.

Resolution of December 28, 2022, of the General Directorate of Quality and Environmental Assessment, by which it is formulated the environmental impact statement of the project "Villarino wind farm of 300 MW and its evacuation infrastructure, in the municipalities of Villarino de los Aires, Trabanca, Ahigal de Villarino, Almendra, El Manzano, Iruelos, Puertas, Villar de Samaniego and Pereña de la Ribera (Salamanca)". It includes sections related to the environmental impact assessment of the park.

Order TED/189/2023, of February 21, which creates the Electric Power Projects Division. This Electric Power Projects Division will have environmental evaluation procedures for the facilities to build.

Resolution of April 21, 2023, of the Directorate-General for Energy Policy and Mines, by which Enel Green Power España, SL is granted with prior administrative approval for the wind farm Barqueiro, with 126 MW, and its evacuation infrastructures, located in O Vicedo and Viveiro (Lugo) and Mañón, Ortigueira, Cerdido, Moeche, As Somozas and As Pontes (A Coruña). It includes sections related with the park's environmental impact assessment.

### Estimated geographical scope



### Geographical scope achieved



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