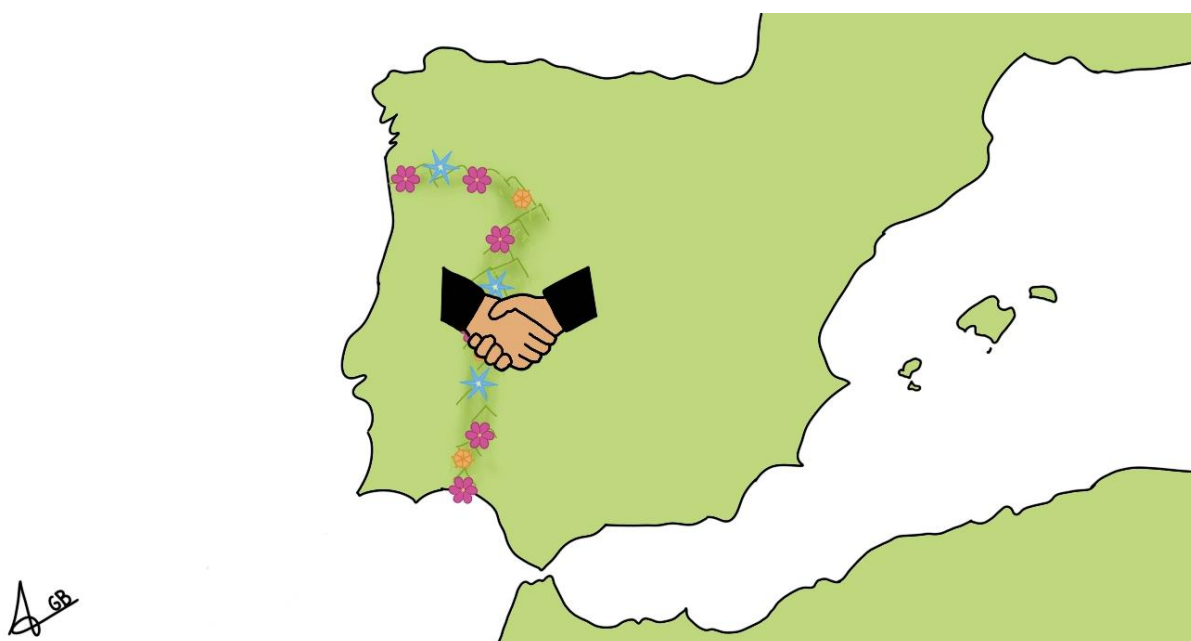


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Recommendation 149. Transboundary ecological corridors in Western Iberian Peninsula



Year	Congress
2012	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
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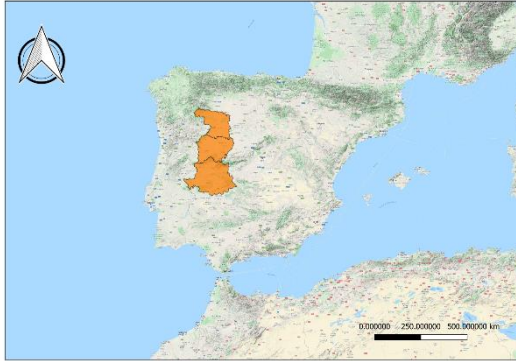
Petition	
<p>Calls on the Governments of Spain and Portugal to: work together to guarantee the ecological connectivity of the natural areas of the transboundary territory; coordinate their efforts to preserve biodiversity; link biodiversity objectives to productive areas; support and encourage initiatives aimed at the conservation of biodiversity and ecological connectivity; support and promote the Declaration of the Transboundary Biosphere Reserves of Braganza-Zamora and Douro Superior-Salamanca, and Sierra de Gata-Dehesas de Azaba-Sierra Malcata; and exclude the whole area from the development of wind energy and major infrastructure. Calls on the Governments of Spain and Portugal, IUCN Members and other stakeholders to develop action plans that: promote a unique natural overview; ensure ecological connectivity, maintenance of biological diversity and ecological processes; encourage the protection and networking of private protected areas; and define the delimitation of an area within the Iberian West that could be declared a UNESCO World Heritage site.</p>	
State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	
<p>Declared by Unesco the Iberian Plateau Transboundary Biosphere Reserve. (2015). Project "Club de Fincas por la Conservación del Oeste Ibérico". (2014-2015). Master plan for the improvement of ecological connectivity in Andalusia. (2016). "Autopistas salvajes" Report. WWF Spain's proposal for a Strategic Network of Ecological Corridors between Natura 2000 sites, including cross-border corridors. (2018). I Conference on the Conservation of the Iberian West. (2018). Conservation of the Iberian West Black Stork (Salamanca and Cáceres) (2019-2020).</p> <p>UPDATE 2022</p> <p>Spanish-Portuguese Biological Corridor. Nature and Man Foundation. (2021). The Iberian West. Campanarios de Azaba Biological Reserve. XIV Meeting of the Luso-Spanish Commission for monitoring cross-border cooperation. (2022). Projects to improve energy efficiency will be financed, such as the "Spain-Portugal Interreg Program (POCTEP) 2021-2027". Transboundary Biosphere Reserves meet in Braganza. (2022). Proposals for the transformation of the Iberian Southwest 2022-2030. Networks of connections, working document PORTUGAL – SPAIN. (2022). Strategy for the conservation and management of the wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>) and its coexistence with the activities of the rural environment. (2022). Corridors in cross-border areas. Strategic Plan for Natural Heritage and Biodiversity to 2030. (2022). Bilateral agreements on natural heritage and biodiversity with neighboring countries promoting coordinated cross-border conservation actions, paying special attention to ecological corridors, fluvial corridors and mountain systems.</p>	

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Legislation:
[BOE-A-2015-9446: Resolution of 16 July 2015](#), of National Parks, by which the approval by UNESCO of two Spanish biosphere reserves is published: Biosphere Reserve of the Macizo de Anaga, Tenerife, and Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Iberian Plateau (Spain and Portugal).
[Law 7/2021, of May 20](#), on climate change and energy transition. Reinforcement of the adaptive capacity of green infrastructure and ecological connectivity, including the conservation and extension of ecological corridors, to favor the adaptive responses of species.
[Order PCM/735/2021, of July 9](#), approving the National Strategy for Green Infrastructure and Ecological Connectivity and Restoration.

Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
	

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