

**Recommendation 123. Promotion of Category V and VI Protected Areas for biodiversity conservation.**



Year	Congress
2008	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
 <b>Generalitat de Catalunya                  Departament de Medi Ambient                  i Habitatge</b>	Action Natura. Catalunya-La Pedrera Foundation
Petition	
The work demonstrating the contribution that categories V and VI make to biodiversity conservation and encouraging, through the publication of case studies and methodological guides, the proper development of management plans for category V and VI protected areas is welcomed. It states that all categories of protected areas, including categories V and VI, make a contribution to conservation in a non-hierarchical system as agreed at the Almeria Summit, and this is reflected in the new guidelines for the application of the IUCN protected area categories.	
State	Fulfilment in Spain

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**Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain**

This recommendation did not call for anything specific, but rather welcomed and encouraged contributions to categories V and VI, and the recommendation was implemented. However, in a follow-up report in 2014, it is mentioned that it is important to be alert to the de-categorization of protected areas due to factors external to the environmental ones, as well as to avoid the displacement of areas categorized as I, II and III towards categories IV, V and VI. Some news regarding this problem has been found, which are listed below:

[Natura 2000: deterioration, declassification of sites of community importance and property rights, \(2014\).](#)

[The controversial declassification of NATURA 2000 protected areas \(2015\)](#) Work that analyses the regulation of the declassification of Natura 2000 in our country and the problems that its judicial application is posing, in the light of the most recent jurisprudence of the TJUE. It is argued that it does not comply with Union Law, as it only allows it by "natural" evolution, does not demand irreversible deterioration and does not provide for channels of participation of those affected in the review procedure.

<b>Estimated geographical scope</b>	<b>Geographical scope achieved</b>
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