

Resolutions and Recommendations Sheets

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Resolution 74. Geoheritage and protected areas.



Year	Congress
2020	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
	<p>Association Les Eco Maires, Association de Gestion des Ressources Naturelles et de la Faune de la Comoé-Léraba, Associazione Italiana per il World Wildlife Fund (WWF-Italy), Awely, des animaux et des hommes, Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Cameroon Environmental Watch, Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement, China Association of National Parks and Scenic Sites, Conservation des Espèces Marines, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Departament d'Acció Climàtica, Alimentació i Agenda Rural, Generalitat de Catalunya, Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco, Fondation d'Entreprise Biotope pour la Biodiversité, France Nature Environnement, Fundación Charles Darwin para las Islas Galápagos, Fédération Française des Clubs</p>

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	<p>Alpins et de Montagne, Fédération des conservatoires d'espaces naturels, Fédération des parcs naturels régionaux de France, Istituto Pangea -Onlus- Istituto Europeo per l'Educazione e la Formazione Professionale per l'Ambiente, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Reserves Naturelles de France, SYLVIA EARLE ALLIANCE (DBA MISSION BLUE), Sociedad Española para la Defensa del Patrimonio Geológico y Minero, Sociedad Geológica de España, Société Française pour le Droit de l'Environnement, International Association for the Conservation of Geological Heritage, The Samdhana Institute Incorporated, Vice Consejería Sostenibilidad Ambiental, Gobierno Vasco.</p>
Petition	
<p>Requests the Director General and WCPA to: mobilise IUCN Regional Offices and the IUCN Global Programme in support of national efforts to collect, compile and publish data on geoheritage and geodiversity in protected areas, including proper inventories, research, and sustainable management and protection of geological substrate, landforms and active geological processes; support the development of a detailed study envisaging the establishment of a future IUCN initiative on Key Geoheritage Areas, as a complement to the existing Key Biodiversity Areas programme, in order to protect geoheritage sites of global conservation significance and move towards more integrated nature conservation; encourage work, including by protected area managers, to enhance the information and proper interpretation of geodiversity and geoheritage in order to increase the awareness of visitors of all natural features inside natural cavities and protected areas and the ways in which geological, biological and cultural elements are often inter-linked; and engage with the Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) to encourage a concerted effort to conduct ecosystem Red List assessments of geologically interesting ecosystems, and to incorporate geoheritage assessments as part of the normal procedure for red-listing and ecosystem assessments. Encourages national Member organisations, other nature conservation organisations, civil society, academia and managers of protected areas and outstanding underground sites to: foster knowledge about geodiversity and geoheritage inside and outside protected areas and to integrate nature conservation principles and methods into the management of protected areas to ensure the effective protection of this component of natural heritage; establish or improve national legislation concerning the protection of geoheritage, and enabling the necessary conditions to ensure the implementation of effective conservation measures; and encourage the respectful exploration and study of underground environments and their interrelations with the surface. Calls on states, non-governmental organisations, universities, researchers, economic stakeholders and protected area managers to take into account the specific issues linked to underground environments in the definition and implementation of nature conservation policies and to adopt a holistic approach to the management of underground natural environments, considering all relationships between biological and geological elements.</p>	

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State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	
<p>Yearbook 2020 of the state of protected areas. EUOPARC-Spain. (2020). It is noteworthy that Spain is the second worldwide in Geoparks, with 15 sites. It stands out that the parks of the National Parks Network are reservoirs of biodiversity and geological heritage, benchmarks for conservation actions and, probably, the natural spaces on which there is a greater abundance of data, the result of numerous studies on the natural environment.</p> <p>Re-adherence of the Maestrazgo Geopark to the World Program to the Global Geoparks Network. (2020).</p> <p>Manual for the elaboration of the Inventory of Places of Geological Interest of the Canary Islands. (2020). 'Sponsor a Rock': citizen science for the protection of the Spanish geological heritage. (2020). VI Open Days of the Spanish Geoparks Forum. (2021). EUOPARC Spain. Technical magazine of protected natural spaces. December 2021. (2021). Emphasizes the important role of geological heritage. Memory of the international meeting: Geoparks, Sustainable Tourism and Local Development. (2021). Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan. (2021). Digitization and knowledge of the natural heritage, including the geological; reorganization of public research organizations, including the Geological and Mining Institute of Spain in the Higher Council for Scientific Research. Guide for evaluating the state of surface and groundwater. (2021). Actions for the dissemination of geology. Geological Society of Spain. (2022). VII Open days of the Spanish Geoparks forum in the Orígenes Geopark. (2022). Revalidations in 4 UNESCO World Geoparks in Spain. (2022). I Meeting of Andalusian Geoparks. (2022). The 15 Geoparks in Spain celebrate the European Geoparks Week. (2022). XXI EUOPARC-Spain Congress. (2022). The College of Geologists proposes 14 destinations of geological interest in Spain. (2022). Informative study of the high-speed Cantabrian-Mediterranean Corridor. Section: Castejón – Logroño. Document No. 4. Environmental Impact Study. (2022). Consider the Geological Heritage. A CSIC project analyzes the vulnerability of the springs in the Garajonay National Park. (2022). Ivriparc will try to identify the impacts, vulnerability and resilience of geodiversity and geological heritage in the face of climate change. Environmental education resource guide to contribute to the 2022 solution. MITECO. (2022). Strategic Plan for Natural Heritage and Biodiversity to 2030. (2022). It treats the geological heritage.</p> <p>Legislation: DECREE 90/2021, of May 26, 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. Consider the geological heritage.</p>	

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[Law 9/2021, of November 25](#), on the conservation of the natural heritage of the Basque Country. It includes conserving and restoring the biological and geological diversity and the productive capacity of the natural heritage.

Law 10/2021, of December 28, on public rates and prices of the Autonomous Community of Andalusia. Where an underground structure qualification is made and the exploration, investigation or use of underground structures is regulated.

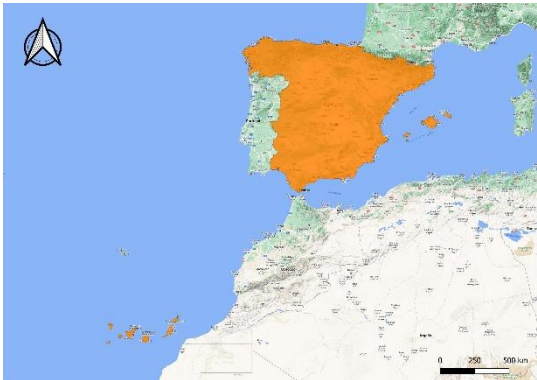
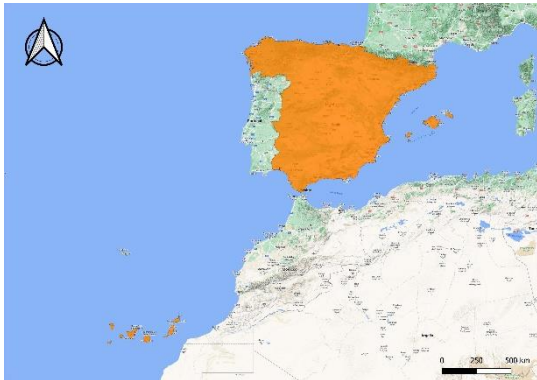
[DECREE 24/2022, of February 3](#), which modifies Decree 64/2009, of February 19, which approves the Natural Resources Management Plan of the Baixa Limia-Serra do Xurés Natural Park, and approving the Master Plan for the use and management of the Baixa Limia-Serra do Xurés Natural Park. It treats the geological heritage. An inventory and diagnosis of the geological and geomorphological resources will be carried out, adopting the measures that are necessary for their protection and conservation.

[Decree 11/2022, of February 15](#), which declares the Geoda de Pulpí y Mina Rica del Pilar de Jaravía Natural Monument of Andalusia in the province of Almería and approves rules and guidelines for its planning and management.

[Royal Decree 157/2022, of March 1](#), which establishes the organization and minimum teaching of Primary Education. Includes knowledge about geology.

[Royal Decree 217/2022, of March 29](#), which establishes the organization and minimum teaching of Compulsory Secondary Education. Includes knowledge about geology.

[Royal Decree 243/2022, of April 5](#), which establishes the ordination and the minimum teachings of the Baccalaureate. Includes knowledge about geological heritage.

Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
	

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