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Resolution 77. Effects of the increase in the use of paper as a substitute for plastic on plantations of timber species



Year	Congress
2020	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
 <p>FUNDACIÓN NATURALEZA Y HOMBRE</p>	Association Marocaine pour la Protection de l'Environnement et le Climat, Centro de Extensión Universitaria e Divulgación Ambiental de Galicia, Federazione Italiana Parchi e Riserve Naturali, Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera, Fundación Biodiversidad, Fundación Naturaleza y Hombre, SEO/BirdLife, Sociedad Española de Ornitología, Sociedad Española para la Defensa del Patrimonio Geológico y Minero, Sociedad Geológica de España.
Petition	
Calls on the Director General to address national and regional governments in paper-producing areas to ask them to implement the following actions: ensure that the planting of pulpwood trees is carried out within the framework of sustainable regional planning or land-use programmes, following credible management rules and regulations or certifications, also aimed at improving ecological values and	

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compatible with nature conservation plans in the land used; encourage paper manufacturing companies to adopt sustainable forest management criteria and credible forest certifications that include regional ecological considerations and that gradually replace the plantations with non-native species with others containing native species, ecologically related to the country's own ecosystems; also encourage the collaboration between manufacturers, suppliers and retailers in order to guarantee sustainable practices across the entire supply chain; generate environmental education campaigns specifically aimed at consumers, promoting products that reinforce efficient use of resources through regenerative design, which can include the use of reusable products such as recycled bags and paper, and the reduction in the demand for single-use products; continue encouraging the use of recycled paper and/or fibre of sustainable origin to cover the new demand for paper packaging; and allow for progress to be made in research into and the implementation of materials that have a lower impact on the environment than plastic, and into the use of native species that have better ecological benefits and efficiency of materials as part of a more circular bio-economy, in order to safeguard forests now and in the future.

State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process

Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain

[ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC BENEFITS OF POPULICULTURE IN THE DUERO BASIN. Proposals from the sector for the III Cycle of Hydrological Planning.](#) (2020). They make use of poplar wood, which is the main resource of the plywood industry, being the highest quality wood, using the smallest diameters and the residues in other uses such as the manufacture of bottoms for containers, saw wood, chipboard or medium density and as biomass.

[Document of Bases for the Adaptation of the Forestry Plan of Andalusia Adaptation of the Forestry Plan of Andalusia Horizon 2030.](#) (2020). One of its objectives is sustainable production by increasing the supply of wood and other forest products from sustainably managed forests.

[ON. Sustainability Report 2020.](#) (2020). The Plan contemplates a greater diversification of the wood species that Ence uses as raw material for the manufacture of its special cellulose.

[Spain joins the European Plastics Pact with 12 other European countries and 90 multinationals and associations.](#) (2020).

[National Strategy for Green Infrastructure and Ecological Connectivity and Restoration.](#) (2021). Changes in land use and cover cause the direct loss of natural habitats, due to an increase in the production of food, wood, etc.

[ASPAPPEL Sustainability Report.](#) (2021). Development of alternative packaging materials.

[The European project BeonNAT will develop bioplastics for packaging from plant biomass.](#) (2021).

[The EU says goodbye to single-use plastics although Spain will wait until 2023.](#) (2021).

[MITECO. Forest certification.](#) (2021).

[Contributing to the Green Recovery. PEFC Spain 2021 Report.](#) (2021). In relation to containers and packaging, PEFC paper and cardboard are a safe and sustainable solution for companies in the supply chain and consumer awareness of the importance of using paper from sustainable forests.

[Biodiversity campaign Gaia:2030. Ecoschools.](#) (2021). Environmental education.

[MITECO opens the Royal Decree on packaging and waste to public information to promote prevention and reuse, and improve subsequent recycling.](#) (2021).

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["DELOITTE MEDIO AMBIENTE" environmental education project.](#) (2021). One of its themes is saving natural resources.

[Webinar : Plastic garbage . Threats and challenges.](#) (2021).

[Adaptation of the Andalusian Forest Plan. Horizon 2030.](#) (2022). Strategy promotes sustainable forest management practices that are more respectful of climate and biodiversity, emphasizes the need to keep the use of woody biomass within the limits of sustainability and encourages efficient use of wood.

[Roadmap for the Sustainable Management of mineral raw materials.](#) (2022). Including paper manufacturing. Research projects.

Legislation:

[DECREE 73/2020, of April 24](#) , which regulates the use of wood and wood, cork, pasture, mycological and resins in forests or privately managed forest land in the Autonomous Community of Galicia.

[DECREE 238/2020, of December 29](#) , which approves the Galician Landscape Guidelines. The necessary measures will be established to increase the area occupied by broad-leaved deciduous trees, intended for the conservation of nature and other ecosystem services such as their active and productive management, favoring the production of quality wood.

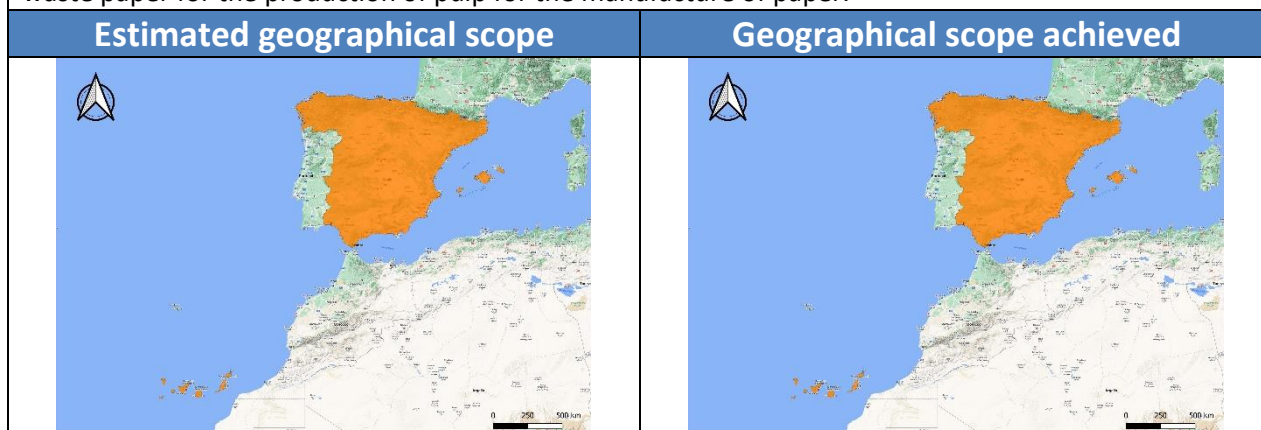
[Informative note on the entry into force of Directive \(EU\) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of June 5, 2019](#) , regarding the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment. Market entry restrictions and marking obligations will come into force in the EU from July 3, 2021.

[Order PCM/735/2021, of July 9](#) , approving the National Strategy for Green Infrastructure and Ecological Connectivity and Restoration.

[DECREE 140/2021, of September 30](#) , approving the first review of the Galician Forest Plan 2021-2040, Towards carbon neutrality. It projects a forest model that guarantees its sustainability and promotes the development of the wood value chain.

[Resolution approving the Strategic Environmental Report of the Cantabria Forest Resources Mobilization Program for the period 2022-2025 \(CVE-2022-5925\).](#) Regulates according to the key factors in forest management for biodiversity, following the guidelines for firewood and timber management.

[Law 7/2022, of April 8](#) , on waste and contaminated soil for a circular economy. Includes the recycling of waste paper for the production of pulp for the manufacture of paper.



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