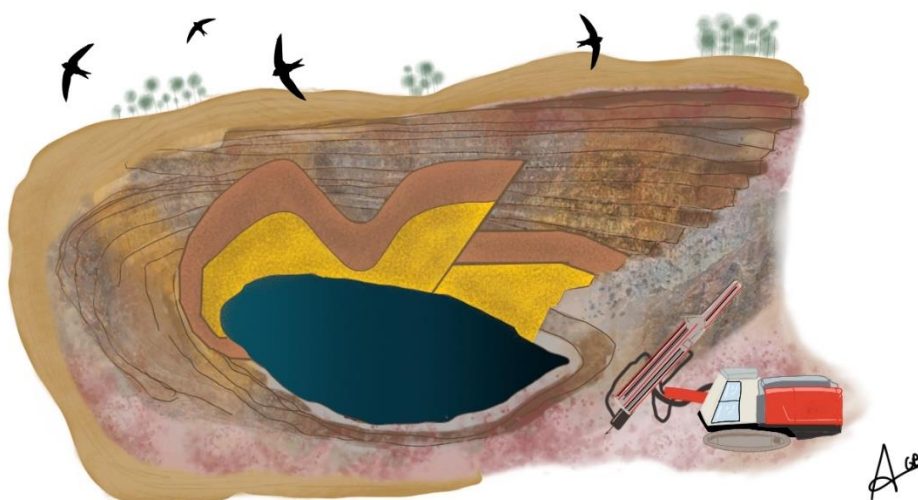


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Resolution 88. Conservation of the natural diversity and natural heritage in mining environments



Year	Congress
2020	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
	<p>Asociación Herpetológica Española, Asociación para la Conservación, Investigación de la Biodiversidad y el Desarrollo Sostenible, Association Marocaine pour la Protection de l'Environnement et le Climat, Centro de Extensión Universitaria e Divulgación Ambiental de Galicia, Departament d'Acció Climàtica, Alimentació i Agenda Rural, Generalitat de Catalunya, Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera, Fundació Biodiversidad, Fundació Moises Bertoni, Fundació Naturaleza y Hombre, Reserves Naturelles de France, Sociedad Española para la Defensa del Patrimonio Geológico</p>

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	y Minero, Sociedad Geológica de España, International Association for the Conservation of Geological Heritage, Vice Consejería Sostenibilidad Ambiental, Gobierno Vasco.
Petition	
<p>Calls on the Member States to conserve mining environments, both underground and surface (open-cast mines and quarries), whose value derived from the conservation of their natural heritage, both geological and biological, is considered greater than the value of their restoration. Asks the Member States to launch initiatives to guarantee that the natural heritage of these mining environments is used for biodiversity conservation, and also to promote scientific, educational, cultural and/or tourist purposes, and to this end: encourages the Member States to draw up inventories of the natural and cultural heritage resulting from mining activities, both historical and current, and to take the necessary legal action to conserve them; urges the Member States to ensure that mining authorisations and their environmental impact studies include a requirement for initiatives for the conservation and sustainable use of the natural heritage that arises during the activity and/or after it finishes, in mining restorations; asks the Member States to support public and private initiatives for the sustainable scientific, educational and tourist use of mining environments, with the proper safety measures; and calls on the Member States to take steps to raise positive awareness and to educate civil society, companies, non-governmental organisations and public authorities regarding the conservation of the natural and cultural heritage generated in mining environments.</p>	
State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
1Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	
<p>NICANOR 227 quarry exploitation project . (2020). Describes the biological and mining value. XI International Congress on historical mining and metallurgy in SW Europe. (2021). Surface reconstruction of the inaccessible geological heritage of Carolina: the argentiferous lead veins. (2021). The need to offer visitors interested in mining and nature tourism is born. Strategic Plan for Natural Heritage and Biodiversity to 2030. (2022). Recovery of spaces degraded by extractive and industrial activities: ecological restoration in the Restoration Plans of spaces affected by research activities and use of mineral deposits and other geological resources. The Government agrees to allocate 90 million to the restoration of areas affected by mining . (2022). Mining environments, such as La Chanta, constitute an opportunity to advance in the conservation of natural diversity and natural heritage. (2022). It is shown that it is a land modified for mining can become an ideal space for the conservation of nature, including geological heritage. Mining and Life Foundation. Rocks and Minerals, Society and Life Project. (2022). Some of its objectives are: to update the vision of mining in educational textbooks, to encourage professional vocations related to mining in ESO and Baccaulaureate students, to initiate, extend and implement CSR models, Sustainable Mining Management and Industry Governance.</p>	

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[XIX International Congress on Geological and Mining Heritage. XXIII scientific session of the SEDPGYM. \(2022\).](#)

[Geology and mining course: Almadén and Campo de Calatrava. \(2022\).](#)

[Tourism Sustainability Plans Ordinary call 2022. Press dossier. \(2022\).](#) Includes mining environments.

[Calatrava Vulcano Project - Cerro Gordo Volcanic Complex \(Granátula de Calatrava, Ciudad Real\). \(2022\).](#)

It is an example of enhancing the value of a mining environment for scientific, educational, tourist and social purposes.

[Coal mines turned into museums: an industrial tourism route through Asturias . \(2022\).](#)

[Almaden mines. mining park. An exceptional heritage management model. \(2022\).](#) It is a space for quality cultural, educational and tourist transmission.

Legislation:

[Royal Decree 404/2020, of February 25,](#) which develops the basic organic structure of the Ministry of Science and Innovation. The Geological and Mining Institute of Spain (IGME) is attached to the Ministry of Science and Innovation .

[Royal Decree 497/2020, of April 28 ,](#) which develops the basic organic structure of the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations. Preparation, processing and, where appropriate, resolution regarding the allocation of reduction coefficients for the work carried out in mining companies, as well as the establishment, on an annual basis, of the standardized contribution bases for Coal Mining.

[Royal Decree 500/2020, of April 28 ,](#) which develops the basic organic structure of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, and modifies Royal Decree 139/2020, of January 28, which establishes the basic organic structure of the ministerial departments. Development of energy and mining policy.

[Order TED/1079/2020, of November 11 ,](#) which establishes the regulatory bases for the granting of aid for risk prevention and mining safety in the field of indigenous and sustainable mining.

[DECREE 238/2020, of December 29,](#) which approves the Galician Landscape Guidelines. Measures and actions on mining, quarrying and extraction of aggregates or land.

[Royal Decree 179/2021, of March 23 ,](#) which approves the Statute of the Institute for Just Transition, OA It establishes the bases for a just transition of coal mining and a sustainable development of the mining regions.

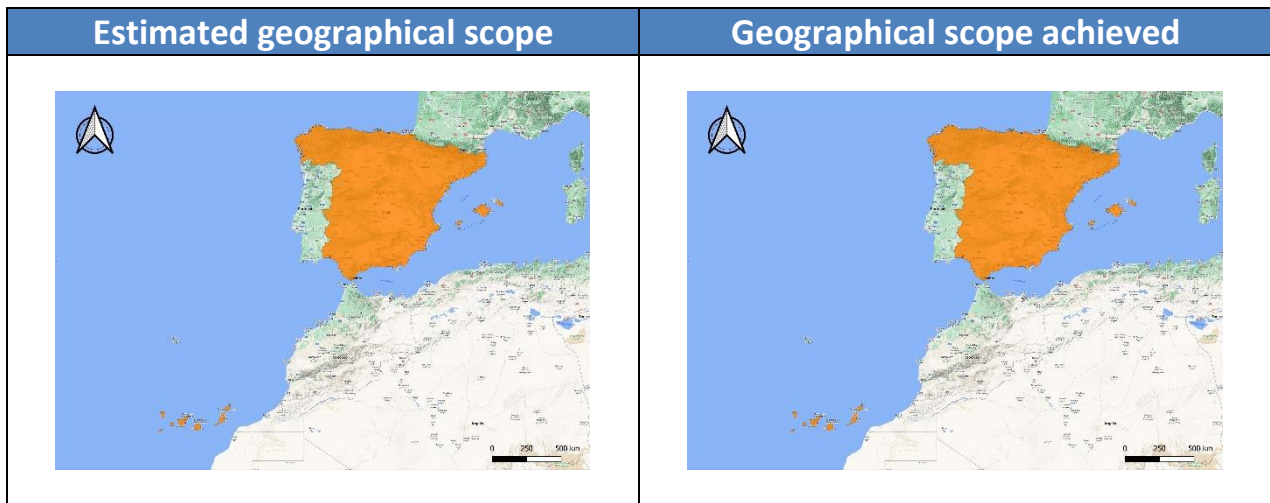
[Royal Decree 202/2021, of March 30 ,](#) which reorganizes certain public research bodies of the General State Administration and modifies Royal Decree 1730/2007, of December 21, which creates the State Agency Higher Council for Scientific Research and its Statute is approved, and Royal Decree 404/2020, of February 25, which develops the basic organic structure of the Ministry of Science and Innovation. Research and technical reference and support services for the mining policy of the Government and the Ministries of Industry, Tourism and Commerce and of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge.

[Mining Code. \(2022\).](#)

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