

EUROPARC Federation



People
Passion
Protected Areas
40 Years Working for Nature

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Snowdonia Wales



Skaftafell Iceland



Jostedalbreen Norway



Kemeris, Latvia

Variety of landscapes, embedded in cultural identity. Often sculpted by nature and shaped by people. Influenced course of history, inspired artists and thinkers and enriched lives. They are our natural life support system.

These protected areas represent the land that is our inheritance, - we hold it in trust for those who come after us.



Ferto Hanság Hungary



Cevennes, France



Goreme Turkey



La Albufera Spain



Triglav Slovenia



Piatra Ciului Romania





Our Mission

EUROPARC works for our natural and cultural heritage, to improve and champion the policy and practice of Protected Area management, in order to deliver **sustainable nature, valued by people.**



Nature knows no boundaries.....so

EUROPARC

is founded on the principle that the future protection and conservation of nature is achieved through

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

International cooperation works best through

PERSONAL CONTACT.

That through personal contact comes

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, SHARED EXPERIENCES , KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION.

This delivers better support and management of protected areas which ensures the

FUTURE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF NATURE ...

because Nature knows no boundaries.....



Sometime you need to change your perspective



Convention de Berne
Bern Convention



Réseau Émeraude
Emerald Network

EUROPARC : Links with N2000

Natura 2000 sites cover 37% of the overall EUROPARC members surface.

14% of the total terrestrial Natura 2000 site areas are managed by EUROPARC members

56%, in terms of number (319), and 59%, in terms of surface (3.911.026 ha),
of Natura 2000 sites are managed by EUROPARC agency or authority members

Where EUROPARC members are not directly responsible for the Natura 2000 site management
, in many cases they are indirectly involved in their management,
e.g. working at strategic and political level for the Natura 2000 Network,
or coordinating the development of management plans

Links with Emerald : members and links in many countries, making full use of EUROPARC
network and programmes.





The warnings about global warming have been extremely clear from some time. We are facing a global climate crisis [...] We are entering a period of consequences.

Al Gore (USA)








The State of Europe's Biodiversity in 2010

In 2010 the European Environment Agency (EEA), in collaboration with the European Commission, produced an EU Biodiversity Baseline which summarises the latest information on the status and trends of biodiversity and ecosystem components in Europe. This baseline, which is based on a series of indicators, provides a reference point for measuring changes in the state of Europe's biodiversity over the next ten years.

By 2020, a set of biodiversity indicators should help determine whether there has been an overall improvement in the state of Europe's biodiversity, in particular whether the following has been achieved:

- **A reduction in the number of species threatened with extinction.** Currently almost 25% of European animal species face the risk of extinction.

- **An increase in the number of species and habitat types protected under EU nature legislation that are in favourable conservation status.** At present only 17% of assessed habitats and species are in a favourable conservation status.
- **An improvement in the state of ecosystems and the services they provide.** Most of Europe's ecosystems are now assessed to be degraded.
- **A strengthening of Europe's green infrastructure.** Today, nearly 30% of the EU-27 territory is considered to be highly to moderately fragmented.
- **A decline in the over-exploitation of natural resources.** Europeans currently consume more than twice what the EU's land and sea can deliver in terms of natural resources.

Group/IUCN category	Species (%) within the EU-27 threatened with extinction
 Mammals – marine	25%
 Mammals – terrestrial	15%
 Birds	12%
 Amphibians	22%
 Reptiles	21%
 Dragonflies	16%
 Butterflies	7%

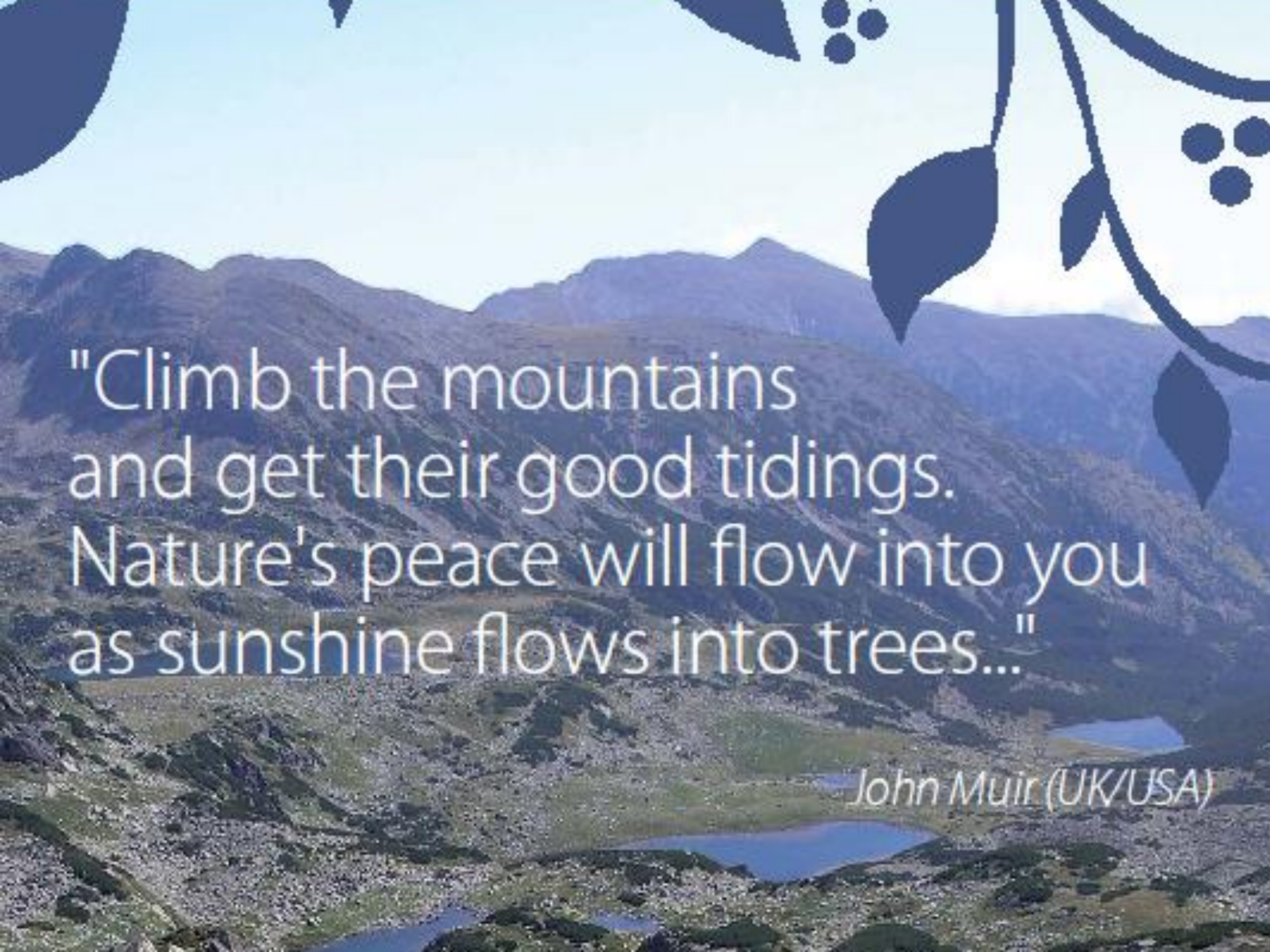


You Really Never Realize
What You Have
Till It's Gone...

Toilet Paper Is A
Good Example.

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A scenic view of a mountain valley with a river and lakes, overlaid with a quote by John Muir. The background shows a vast mountain range under a clear sky, with a river flowing through a valley and several small lakes. The foreground is a rocky, grassy slope. In the top right corner, there is a decorative graphic of a branch with leaves and berries.

"Climb the mountains
and get their good tidings.
Nature's peace will flow into you
as sunshine flows into trees..."

John Muir (UK/USA)



"You are a guest
of nature. Behave."

Friedensreich Hundertwasser (AT)

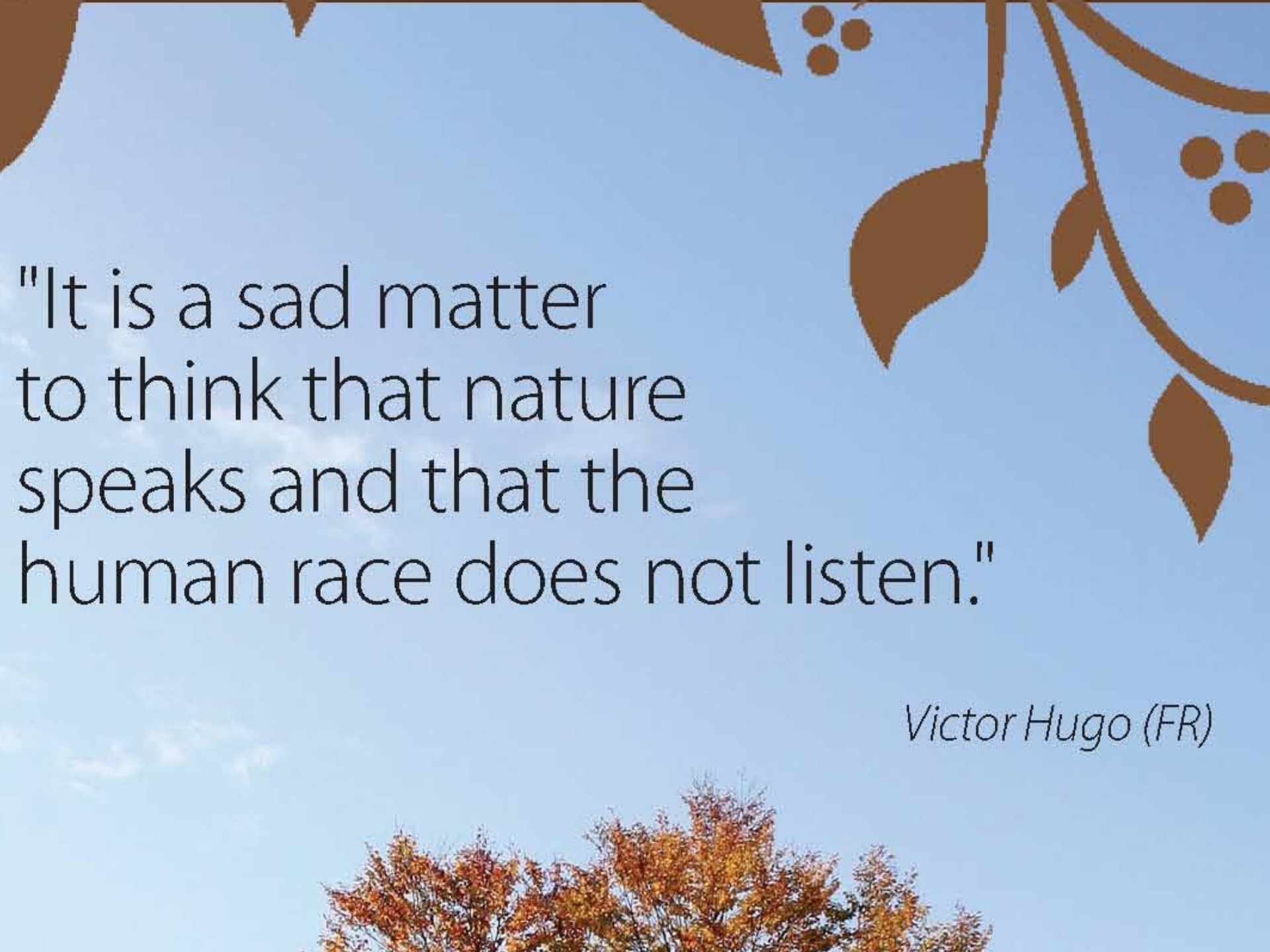
Tourism is relevant for parks and
their communities.

An opportunity and a big
challenge:

Loving them to death?

- Almost 150 parks with the “charter”
in 14 countries.
- In Spain 20M visits to park facilities in
2011
- In our charter parks, 441M Euros
were invested in sustainable tourism
actions (2012)





"It is a sad matter
to think that nature
speaks and that the
human race does not listen."

Victor Hugo (FR)

"...The sea, the great unifier,
is man's only hope.
Now, as never before,
the old phrase has literal meaning;
We are all in the same boat."

Jacque Cousteau (FR)



Transboundary Parks – Following Nature’s Design”

- **10 certified transboundary parks** formed by **23 protected areas** from **11 countries**
- Total area of more than **800.000 ha**
- More than **280.000 ha of Natura 2000 areas** within the certified PAs
- Around **1000 staff members** employed in the certified Pas
- **Positive effect on endangered species** reported in 62% of the surveyed PAs.
- **Positive effect on sustainable tourism development** in 54% of the PAs

Frontier on the map, cooperation in mind

An aerial photograph of a winding river in a dry, brown landscape. The river is a vibrant blue, contrasting sharply with the surrounding parched earth. Sparse green and yellow vegetation is scattered across the terrain, particularly along the riverbanks and in the upper left corner. The overall scene conveys a sense of aridity and environmental challenge.

"The future is filled with opportunities and most things remain to be done. A glorious future."

Inavar Kamprad (SF)

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Youth are the future – connect young people to your Protected Area!

**“When you teach your son,
you teach your son's son.”**

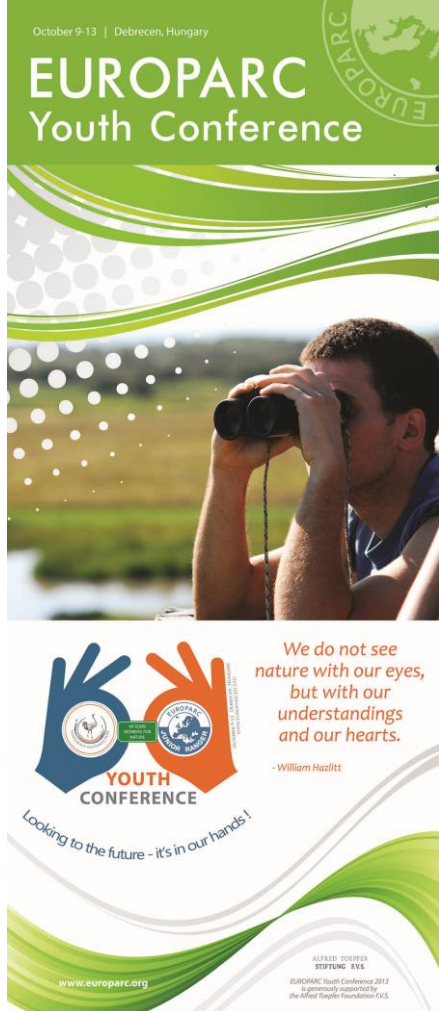
Talmud



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"We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors. We borrow it from our Children."

EUROPARC members across Europe, such here in Harz NP, are committed to make space for children and young people in their Protected Areas to enable them to enjoy and respect the natural environment.

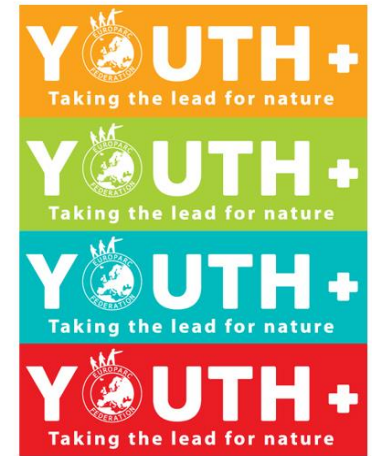


EUROPARC Federation has a long established Junior Ranger programme which involves 32 Protected Areas across 14 different EU countries, and brings together about 5000 youths every year.

Annual International Junior Ranger camp interacts with rangers across many countries who themselves engage with young people.

1st International youth conference, Hungary, 2013.

New international youth+ camp , Catalonia, Spain 2015



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My park. My passion. My story.

Like these hikers on the peaks of Alpi Marittime Natural Park, in Italy, - pause for a moment - and remind yourself of the real reason you came into work this morning.

It's out there! Discover again your passion for your special place.



Health and Protected Areas Working Group

HEALTH AND PROTECTED AREAS



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Wandering in the Woods

Enabling people living with dementia to benefit from visiting woodlands



VARIOUS LOCATIONS
AROUND THE UK

Summary

With the increase in human life spans, the demands of caring for large numbers of people with dementia have become more acute. It is important that people, and those who care for them, can live well with dementia. Anecdotally the therapeutic value of nature for people with this condition has been recognised, but several organisations have sought to gather evidence to give this credence.

In February 2011 Dementia Adventure published a report entitled "Living with dementia and connecting with nature - looking back and stepping forwards, exploring the benefits of green exercise for people living with

Outcomes

Raised awareness of the needs of people living with dementia

- Increased confidence of care home staff, carers and family members of the potential benefits of visits to the outdoors
- Connected local care home staff with environmental organisations
- Won a prize for the most innovative partnership at the 2013 Scottish Dementia Awards
- Some 4,000 copies of the advice booklet "Wood if we Could" report printed and distributed.

HEALTH AND PROTECTED AREAS



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Following the Healing Bonanza



KEMERI NATIONAL PARK
LATVIA

Summary

This project delivered a process by which local stakeholders (protected area managers in the Pierīga Regional Administration of the Nature Conservation Agency, the NGO Kemerī National Park Foundation, and tourism businesses) joined forces to create an educational tour featuring health issues.

The tour highlighted Kemerī National Park's unique values of sulphurous mineral waters and

Outcomes

Cooperation with tourism businesses increased the number and effectiveness of interpretation measures normally used by the protected area's managing body when explaining natural values and the importance of their conservation. In addition to the existing interactive and exciting ways of communicating the purely biological aspects, it became possible to tell a more holistic story, including personal, and thus more convincing, experiences of "how this relates to me" (mud treatments, walking exercises etc.). For the first time tourism businesses became aware of protected area managers as stakeholders in health-related matters, which in turn increased their interest in nature-related matters.



It's all a bit too much for park managers.....

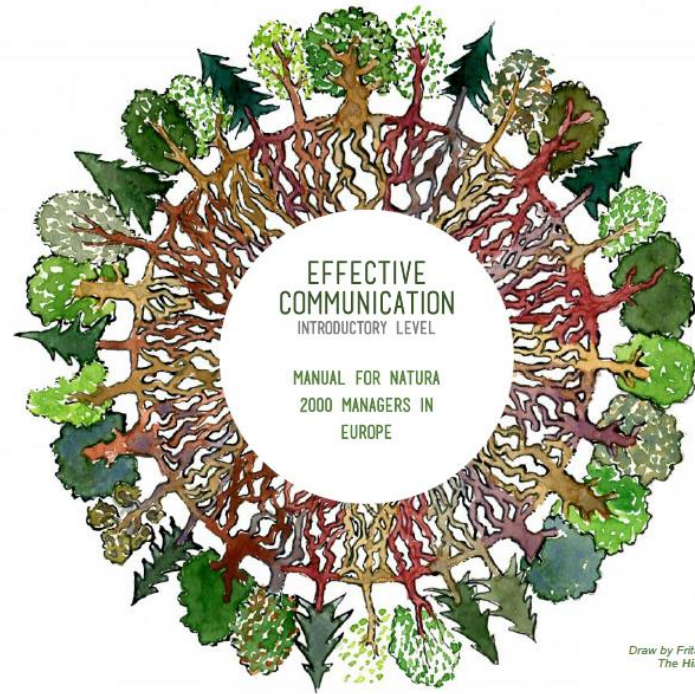
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**When the last tree is cut and the last river
polluted, when to breathe the air is sickening,
you will realise, too late, that wealth is not in
bank accounts, and that you can't eat money.**

~ Alanis Obomsawin, Canadian first nations filmmaker

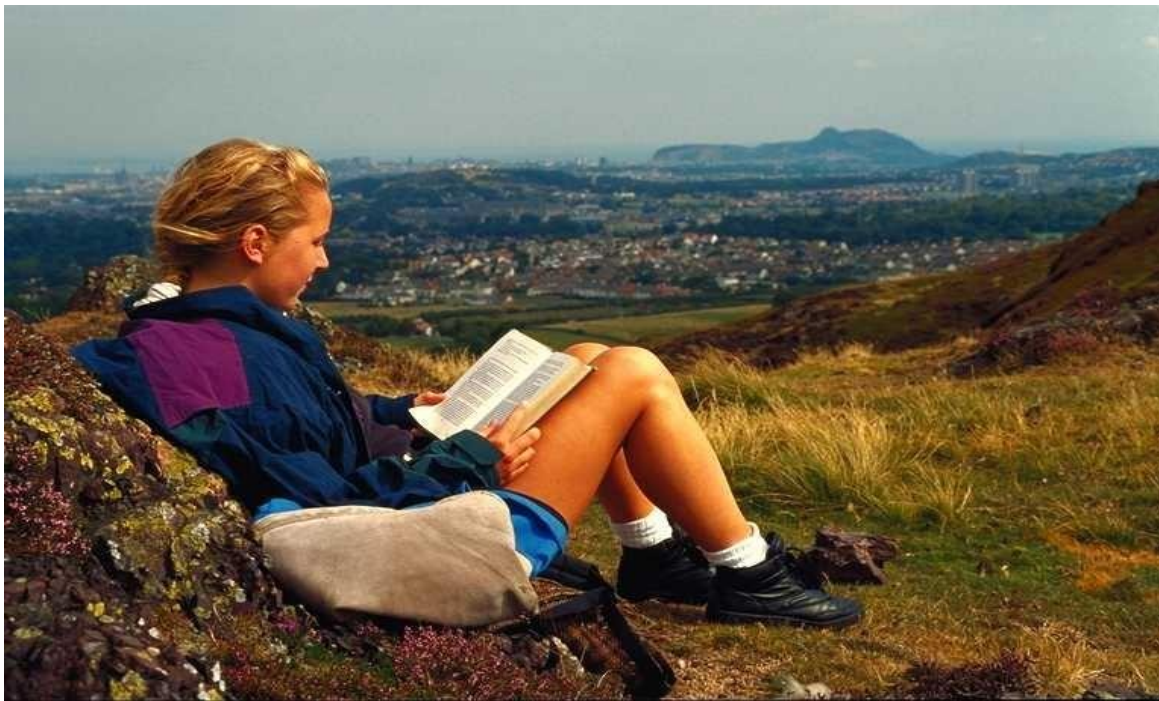
Online Learning being developed with Pro Parks (RO)

Communications manual and Toolkit



LIFE+ Information and Communication Project:

EFFICIENT MANAGERS FOR EFFICIENT NATURA2000 NETWORK



We have a twenty-first century responsibility of great importance. **To meet the challenges , promote new creative approaches and thinking and make new partnerships. Our EMERALD sites are a significant component**

It is to proclaim anew **the meaning and value of Protected Areas**, of biodiversity, conservation, and recreation; to expand the learning opportunities and share that knowledge broadly;

and to encourage **People** to experience and **CONNECT WITH** these special **Places**





Microcosmos naturae, sedes hominum, theatrum historiae, eutopia futuris

The Microcosum of Nature, The Home of Man, The Theatre of History, The Good Place of the Future, Patrick Geddes