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WORKSHOP

Feral ungulates and their impact on Island Biodiversity In the Mediterranean and Macaronesian Regions

Sala del Cabildo, San Sebastián de la Gomera
La Gomera (Canary Islands, Spain)
23-24 March 2015

Organised by the Council of Europe,
Regional Government of the Canary Islands and Cabildo de Tenerife

AIM OF THE WORKSHOP

The aim of the workshop is to bring together some experts on invasive alien species to examine how serious is the impact of feral ungulates in fragile island ecosystems – focusing in the Mediterranean and Macaronesian Regions – and make proposals on how to better control those species so as to promote native biological diversity.

The Workshop should serve to exchange experiences and ideas from different European islands and make conservation proposals for the attention of the Bern Convention Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species and the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.

TARGET GROUP

The workshop is intended for conservation scientists, managers of protected areas in islands and conservation authorities.

WORKING LANGUAGES

English.

INSCRIPTION FEES

None.

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DATE AND PLACE

The workshop will be held on 23 and 24 March 2015 in La Gomera (Canary Islands, Spain).

DRAFT PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2015

Arrival of participants to La Gomera

MONDAY 23 MARCH 2015

9.30 am – 10.00 am

Opening of the workshop

- Official opening of the workshop by the Regional Conservation authorities and the Council of Europe
(15 minutes)
- Presentation of the “Charter on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity in European Islands”
By Mr Eladio Fernández-Galiano (Council of Europe) (15 minutes)
- Presentation of the report “Feral Ungulates in Islands of the Mediterranean and Macaronesian Regions”
By Mr Joan Mayol (CoE expert, Regional government of the Balearic Islands) (10 minutes)

10.30 am – 11 am

Coffee break

11 am – 1 pm

Session 1: Experiences from different regions

- Feral goats in the Natura 2000 Network in the Canary Islands
By Mr Juan Carlos Rando (University of La Laguna)
 - Impact of introduced feral herbivores on the native flora in La Gomera (Canary Islands). Progress of control programmes
By Mr Angel Fernandez-López (Director National Park of Garajonay)
 - Impacts on biodiversity by feral goats and other introduced mammals on Adriatic islands of Croatia
By Mr Goran Sušić (Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts)
 - Control of goats in the National Park of Montecristo (Italy)
By Mr Stefano Vagniluca (Montecristo National Park)
- Discussion

1 pm – 2 pm

Lunch

2 pm – 8 pm

Visit of the National Park Garajonay

TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015

9.30 am – 10.00 am

Session 2: Experiences from different Regions

- Eradication of goats in Bugio Island (Desertas Islands, Madeira, Portugal)
By Mr Paulo Olivera (Region Park of Madeira, Portugal)
- Experiences from France
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- Experiences from the Azores
By M...
- Strategy for Invasive Alien Species in the Canary Islands
By Mr Juan Luis Rodríguez Luengo, (Regional Government of Canary Islands)

12 am – 1 pm

Discussion

1 pm – 2 pm

Lunch

Session 3: Priorities Conservation

- What way forward? What to propose to the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention?

Conclusions – End of the meeting

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015

Departure of participants