

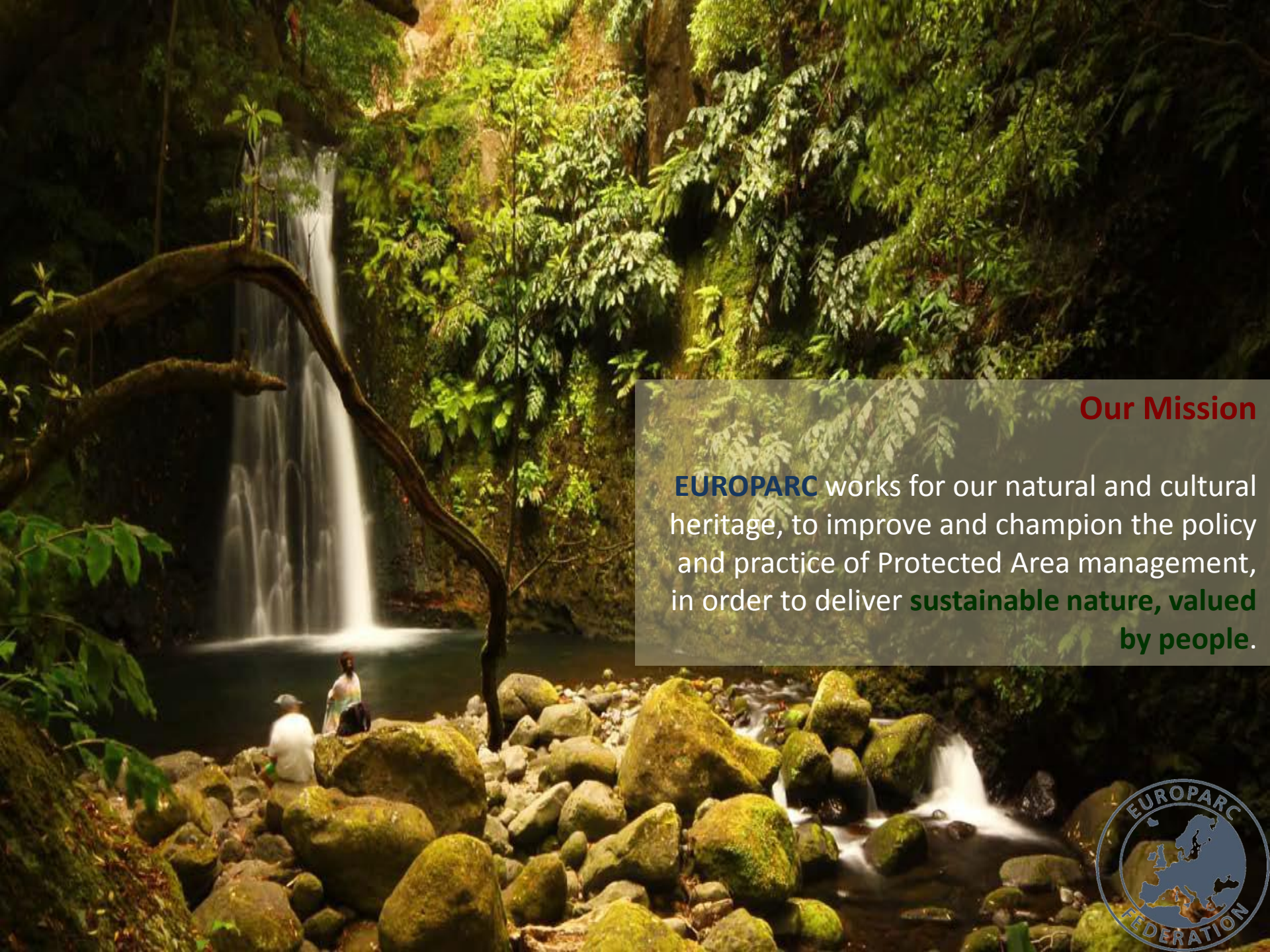
EUROPARC Federation



People
Passion
Protected Areas
40 Years Working for Nature

Carol Ritchie, Director





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

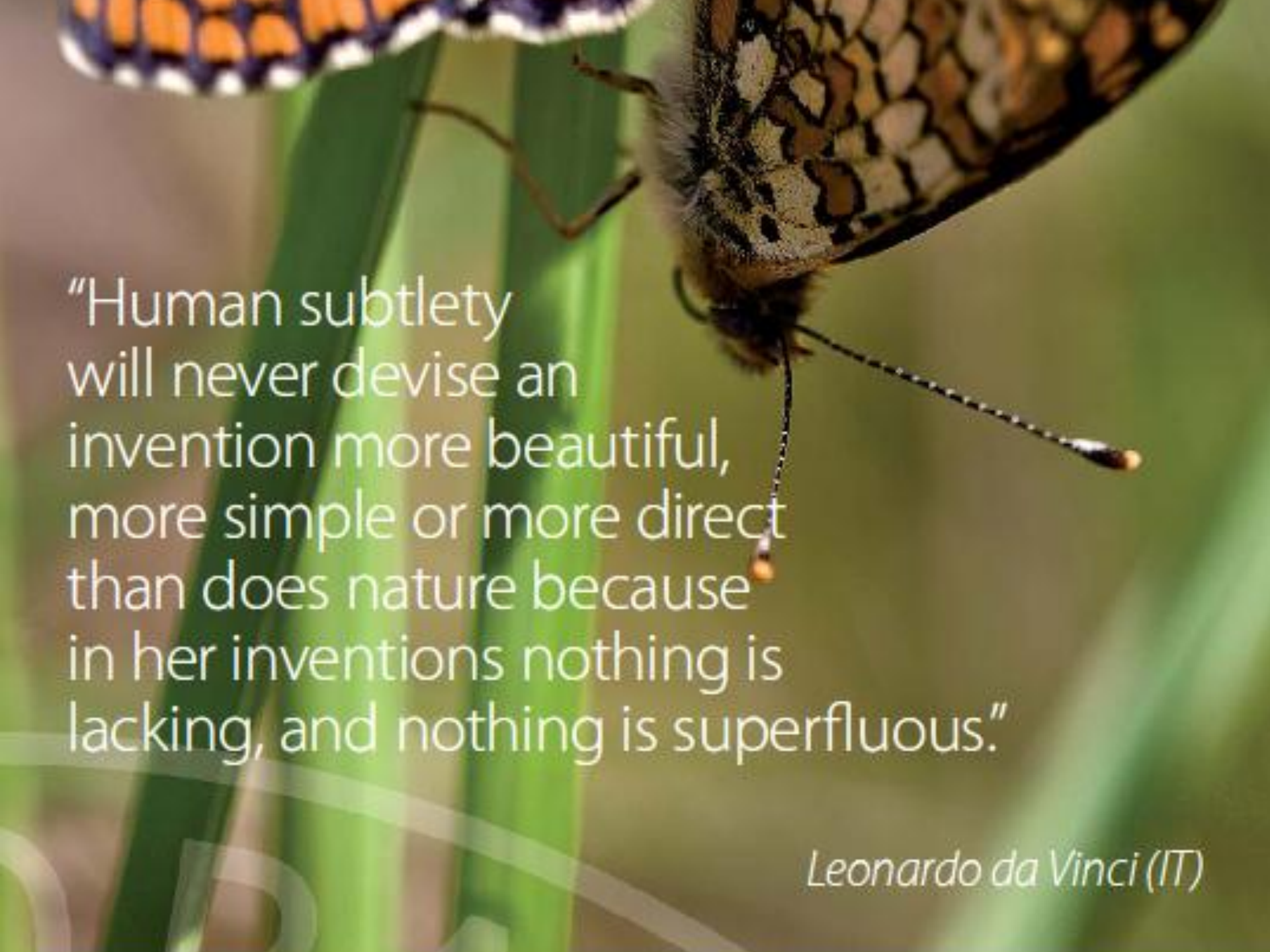
**MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, SHARED
EXPERIENCES , KNOWLEDGE AND
INNOVATION.**

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

**FUTURE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF
NATURE ...**

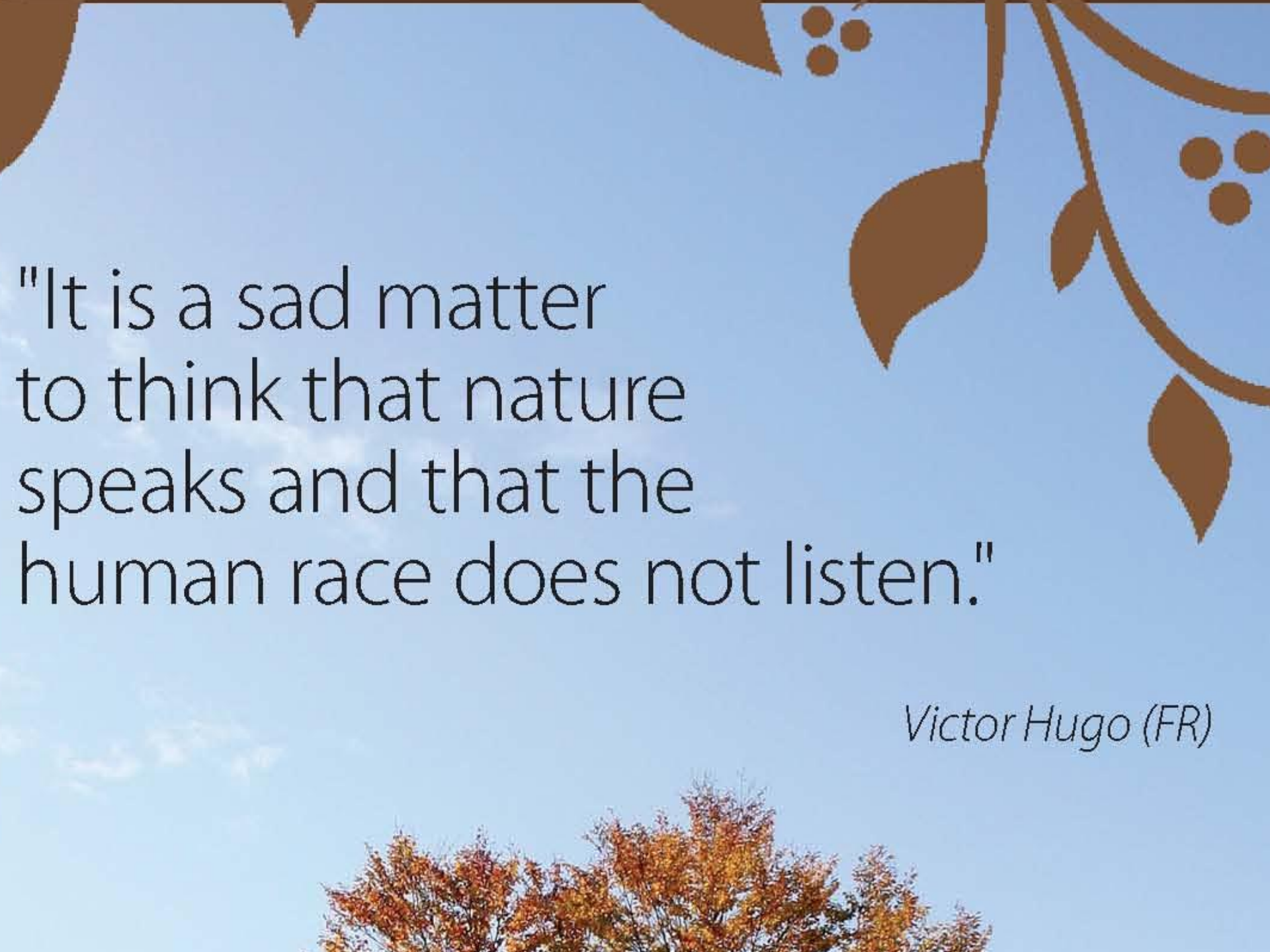
because Nature knows no boundaries.....





“Human subtlety
will never devise an
invention more beautiful,
more simple or more direct
than does nature because
in her inventions nothing is
lacking, and nothing is superfluous.”

Leonardo da Vinci (IT)



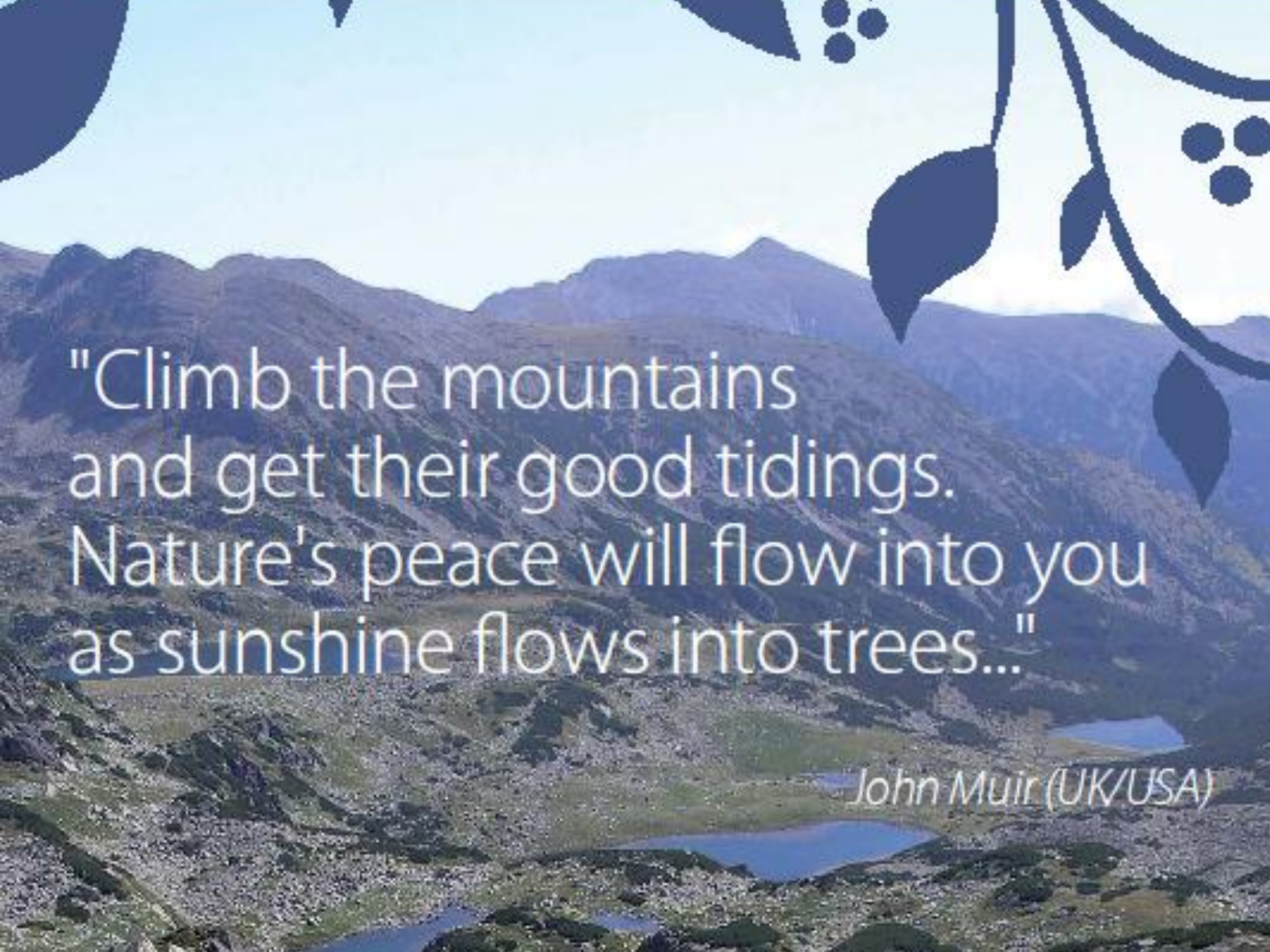
"It is a sad matter
to think that nature
speaks and that the
human race does not listen."

Victor Hugo (FR)

A close-up, low-angle shot of a mountain bike's front end on a snowy trail. The bike has a red frame and knobby tires. The rider's legs in dark pants are visible on the left. The ground is covered in snow with patches of dry grass. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

"You are a guest
of nature. Behave."

Friedensreich Hundertwasser (AT)



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

John Muir (UK/USA)



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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.

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FEDERATION  1973 - 2013
Years
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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

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FEDERATION  Years

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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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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.

Picture: PNR Perche/Alizari Images - Stéphane Perera, www.parc-naturel-perche.fr

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Follow your natural instinct and immerse yourself in nature this Earth Day. Consider the wealth of nature around you.

The wealth of the nation is its air, water, soil, forests, minerals, rivers, lakes, oceans, scenic beauty, wildlife habitats and biodiversity... that's all there is. That's the whole economy.

That's where all the economic activity and jobs come from. These biological systems are the sustaining wealth of the world.

-Senator Gaylord Nelson



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An aerial photograph showing a winding river or stream flowing through a landscape. The terrain is a mix of brown, tan, and green, suggesting a mix of soil and vegetation. There are patches of trees with yellow and orange autumn foliage scattered throughout. The river is a vibrant blue, contrasting with the earthy tones of the land. The overall scene is a natural, somewhat desolate landscape.

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

Inavar Kamprad (SF)