

RESOLUTION (88)9

ON THE AWARD OF THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA
TO THE ORDESA AND MONTE PERDIDO NATIONAL PARK
(Spain)

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 13 June 1988
at the 418th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers, by virtue of Article 15.b of the
Council of Europe Statute,

Having regard to Resolution (65) 6 instituting the European
Diploma;

Having regard to the proposals of the Steering Committee for the
Conservation and Management of the Environment and Natural Habitats
(CDPE);

Having noted the agreement of the Government of Spain;

After having deliberated,

Solemnly awards the European Diploma, category A, in accordance
with the regulations for the European Diploma, to the Ordesa and Monte
Perdido National Park;

Places the aforesaid Park under the patronage of the Council of
Europe until 12 June 1993;

Attaches the following recommendations to the award:

1. Research:

- 1.1 the Park should be run as a reserve for the conservation of a number
of endemic, rare or endangered species. Lists should be made at the
earliest opportunity of the species of fauna and flora in the Park,
particularly cavernicolous fauna, their critical biotopes located and
a detailed vegetation map drawn. The latter operation should be
carried out jointly with the French Western Pyrenees Park, so that a
map can be established on the same bases for the whole of the pro-
tected area;
- 1.2 particular heed ought to be paid to the need for urgent and thorough
research into the reasons behind stagnation in the population of ibex
Capra pyrenaica pyrenaica, those in the Park being all that were
left. Any contact with similar sub-species should be avoided.

2. Management plan:

the master plan on use and management (Plan Rector de Uso y
Gestión) should be officially adopted as soon as possible. A genuine
management plan should also be worked out on the basis of a vegetation
map. It should describe the existing ecological conditions of each type
of vegetation and each zone, possible threats and the management measures
which might prove necessary.

3. Offences:

national laws ought to be revised so as to create a special category for offences committed within national parks; wardens' powers ought also to be clearly defined.

4. Peripheral area and zone of influence:

- 4.1 the Autonomous Community of Aragon should consider setting up a regional nature park around the central area in the existing zone of influence and the national hunting reserve, which would constitute a very useful buffer zone.
- 4.2 payments to municipalities in the zone of influence ought to be continued and, as far as possible, stepped up.

5. Tourism:

- 5.1 the capacity of the car park at La Pradera must be gradually reduced and car parks created close to other access points, but outside the Park. The restaurant and kiosk at La Pradera should be re-sited outside the Park.
- 5.2 the tarmac road to San Urbez, which follows the Afisclo canyon, should be closed to cars as soon as possible and fragile habitats closed to the public.
- 5.3 information for visitors ought to be improved through the setting up of a museum and information centre in the former parador.

6. Infrastructure:

the building of a road or railway through or on the fringes of the Park might place a question mark over the award of the European Diploma.

7. Co-operation with the Western Pyrenees National Park in France:

consultations should be opened between Spain and France, under the Council of Europe's auspices, with a view to determining the legal basis and practical arrangements for co-operation between the two parks, and the form which a joint body to manage the whole of the protected area could take.