



Urgent measures for the conservation and restoration of species and habitats of Community interest on the Madeiran archipelago (LIFE94 NAT/P/001052)

MEDIDAS URGENTES PARA A CONSERVACAO E RECUPERACAO DE ESPECIES E HABITATS DE GRANDE INTERESSE COMUNITARIO NO ARQUIPELAGO DA MADEIRA

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Description :

Illegal tree felling and intensive livestock rearing have provoked a disruption of the forest habitats leading to a reduction in its range and, as a result, an increased risk of species loss. In order to carry out an effective conservation programme, it is essential to address each of the problems in turn. For the flora of Madeira, an inventory of plant diversity and ecology will be set up and a site of outstanding floral richness - the Montado de Sabugal - will be purchased. For endangered marine and terrestrial bird species the actions will include: increasing the knowledge of the ecology of the birds, intensifying surveillance, establishing methods to scare away their predators and protecting their habitats. Measures will also be taken as regards the monk seal population, which, despite numerous previous efforts, still needs additional conservation measures. All these concrete efforts will be supported by an awareness campaign aimed at the general public, youth association and the fishing communities.

Made up of islands within the Macaronesian biogeographical region, this archipelago harbours an impressive array of habitats and species of Community interest. Examples include the sub tropical humid laurel forests, relics of the tertiary era, and numerous fauna and floral endemics such as the long-tailed pigeon. The Selvagen islands, in particular are a favourite habitat for numerous sea bird species whilst the Ilhas Desertas, on the Eastern edge of Madeira,

supports the most western population of the endangered monk seal.

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