

Cañadillas, El Burdel and Peñascosas Altas: Biodiversity and climate protection in Central Spain

Cañadillas forest is in the southwest of the Toledo province, part of the orographic complex of Montes de Toledo. The mountain is crossed by the Fresnedoso River, giving rise to a riparian community of ash, poplars and willows, habitats of community interest and one of the key elements of the Natura 2000 Network site where it encompasses.

These forests host diverse species of threatened flora and coincides with critical areas for Bonelli's eagles and black storks, both in danger of extinction according to the regional catalogue of threatened species.

In addition, the government of Castilla – La Mancha, the forest steward in charge of this forest, has invested heavily in protecting this area from fires, protecting the value of this forest for future generation of the region and the whole country.

Verified Ecosystem Services



Conservation of species
diversity

Highlights of this project

1. 2.921 hectares of certified forest, 296 of them dedicated exclusively to biodiversity protection
2. Increased presence of endangered flora species in the certified area
3. Steady presence of nesting areas for endangered bird species

Project details

Biodiversity conservation

Within the space included in the Natura 2000 Network there are species of high conservation value such as the Montpellier maple; as well habitats linked to riparian vegetation that are critical area of species such as the Bonelli's eagle and the black stork. This is achieved by controlling the population of ungulates through the implementation of a hunting management plan.



Preventive forest management

Among the management objectives, the aim is to achieve an improvement in the forest, increasing the natural regeneration of native species, typical of the Mediterranean forest, such as the holm oak, and reducing the risk of fires, one of the main threats to these forests. This has become increasingly important because of the dangers brought to Mediterranean forests by climate change.



Would you like to integrate this project into your climate and sustainability strategy?

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