

Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora

Definitions

- Article 1 For the purpose of this Directive: conservation means a series...
Article 2 (1) The aim of this Directive shall be to contribute...

Conservation of natural habitats and habitats of species

- Article 3 (1) A coherent European ecological network of special areas of...
Article 4 (1) On the basis of the criteria set out in...
Article 5 (1) In exceptional cases where the Commission finds that a...
Article 6 (1) For special areas of conservation, Member States shall establish...
Article 7 Obligations arising under Article 6 (2), (3) and (4) of...
Article 8 (1) In parallel with their proposals for sites eligible for...
Article 9 The Commission, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down...
Article 10 Member States shall endeavour, where they consider it necessary, in...
Article 11 Member States shall undertake surveillance of the conservation status of...

Protection of species

- Article 12 (1) Member States shall take the requisite measures to establish...
Article 13 (1) Member States shall take the requisite measures to establish...
Article 14 (1) If, in the light of the surveillance provided for...
Article 15 In respect of the capture or killing of species of...
Article 16 (1) Provided that there is no satisfactory alternative and the...

Information

- Article 17 (1) Every six years from the date of expiry of...

Research

- Article 18 (1) Member States and the Commission shall encourage the necessary...

Procedure for amending the Annexes

- Article 19 Such amendments as are necessary for adapting Annexes I, II,...

Committee

- Article 20 The Commission shall be assisted by a committee.
Article 21 (1) Where reference is made to this Article, Articles 5...

Supplementary provisions

Article 22 In implementing the provisions of this Directive, Member States shall:...

Final provisions

Article 23 (1) Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations...

Article 24 This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

ANNEX I

NATURAL HABITAT TYPES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST WHOSE CONSERVATION
REQUIRES THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION

Interpretation

1. COASTAL AND HALOPHYTIC HABITATS
 11. Open sea and tidal areas
 12. Sea cliffs and shingle or stony beaches
 13. Atlantic and continental salt marshes and salt meadows
 14. Mediterranean and thermo-Atlantic salt marshes and salt meadows
 15. Salt and gypsum inland steppes
 16. Boreal Baltic archipelago, coastal and landupheaval areas
2. COASTAL SAND DUNES AND INLAND DUNES
 21. Sea dunes of the Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic coasts...
 22. Sea dunes of the Mediterranean coast
 23. Inland dunes, old and decalcified
3. FRESHWATER HABITATS
 31. Standing water
 32. Running water — sections of water courses with natural or...
4. TEMPERATE HEATH AND SCRUB
5. SCLEROPHYLLOUS SCRUB (MATORRAL)
 51. Sub-Mediterranean and temperate scrub
 52. Mediterranean arborescent matorral
 53. Thermo-Mediterranean and pre-steppe brush
 54. Phrygana
6. NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL GRASSLAND FORMATIONS
 61. Natural grasslands
 62. Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies
 63. Sclerophillous grazed forests (dehesas)
 64. Semi-natural tall-herb humid meadows
 65. Mesophile grasslands
7. RAISED BOGS AND MIRES AND FENS
 71. Sphagnum acid bogs

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- 72. Calcareous fens
- 73. Boreal mires

- 8. ROCKY HABITATS AND CAVES
 - 81. Scree
 - 82. Rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation
 - 83. Other rocky habitats

- 9. FORESTS
 - 90. Forests of Boreal Europe
 - 91. Forests of Temperate Europe
 - 92. Mediterranean deciduous forests
 - 93. Mediterranean sclerophyllous forests
 - 94. Temperate mountainous coniferous forests
 - 95. Mediterranean and Macaronesian mountainous coniferous forests

ANNEX II

ANIMAL AND PLANT SPECIES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST WHOSE CONSERVATION REQUIRES THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION

Interpretation

- (a) Annex II follows on from Annex I for the establishment...
- (b) The species listed in this Annex are indicated:
- (c) Symbols

(a) ANIMALS

VERTEBRATES

MAMMALS

INSECTIVORA

Talpidae

CHIROPTERA

Rhinolophidae

Vespertilionidae

Pteropodidae

RODENTIA

Gliridae

Sciuridae

Castoridae

Cricetidae

Microtidae

Zapodidae

CARNIVORA

Canidae

Ursidae

Mustelidae

Felidae

Phocidae

ARTIODACTYLA

Cervidae

Bovidae

CETACEA
REPTILES
CHELONIA (TESTUDINES)
 Testudinidae
 Cheloniidae
 Emydidae
SAURIA
 Lacertidae
 Scincidae
 Gekkonidae
OPHIDIA (SERPENTES)
 Colubridae
 Viperidae
AMPHIBIANS
CAUDATA
 Salamandridae
 Proteidae
 Plethodontidae
ANURA
 Discoglossidae
 Ranidae
 Pelobatidae
FISH
PETROMYZONIFORMES
 Petromyzonidae
ACIPENSERIFORMES
 Acipenseridae
CLUPEIFORMES
 Clupeidae
SALMONIFORMES
 Salmonidae
 Coregonidae
 Umbridae
CYPRINIFORMES
 Cyprinidae
 Cobitidae
SILURIFORMES
 Siluridae
ATHERINIFORMES
 Cyprinodontidae
PERCIFORMES
 Percidae
 Gobiidae
SCORPAENIFORMES
 Cottidae
INVERTEBRATES
ARTHROPODS
CRUSTACEA
 Decapoda
 Isopoda
INSECTA
 Coleoptera
 Hemiptera

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Lepidoptera
Mantodea
Odonata
Orthoptera
ARACHNIDA
Pseudoscorpiones
MOLLUSCS
GASTROPODA
BIVALVIA
Unionoida
Dreissenidae

(b) PLANTS

PTERIDOPHYTA
ASPLENIACEAE
BLECHNACEAE
DICKSONIACEAE
DRYOPTERIDACEAE
HYMENOPHYLLACEAE
ISOETACEAE
MARSILEACEAE
OPHIOGLOSSACEAE
GYMNOSPERMAE
PINACEAE
ANGIOSPERMAE
ALISMATACEAE
AMARYLLIDACEAE
ASCLEPIADACEAE
BORAGINACEAE
CAMPANULACEAE
CARYOPHYLLACEAE
CHENOPODIACEAE
CISTACEAE
COMPOSITAE
CONVOLVULACEAE
CRUCIFERAE
CYPERACEAE
DIOSCOREACEAE
DROSERACEAE
ELATINACEAE
ERICACEAE
EUPHORBIACEAE
GENTIANACEAE
GERANIACEAE
GLOBULARIACEAE
GRAMINEAE
GROSSULARIACEAE
HIPURIDACEAE
HYPERICACEAE
IRIDACEAE
JUNCACEAE
LABIATAE
LEGUMINOSAE

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LENTIBULARIACEAE
LILIACEAE
LINACEAE
LYTHRACEAE
MALVACEAE
NAJADACEAE
OLEACEAE
ORCHIDACEAE
OROBANCHACEAE
PAEONIACEAE
PALMAE
PAPAVERACEAE
PLANTAGINACEAE
PLUMBAGINACEAE
POLYGONACEAE
PRIMULACEAE
RANUNCULACEAE
RESEDACEAE
ROSACEAE
RUBIACEAE
SALICACEAE
SANTALACEAE
SAXIFRAGACEAE
SCROPHULARIACEAE
SOLANACEAE
THYMELAEACEAE
ULMACEAE
UMBELLIFERAE
VALERIANACEAE
VIOLACEAE
LOWER PLANTS
BRYOPHYTA
SPECIES FOR MACARONESIA
PTERIDOPHYTA
HYMENOPHYLLACEAE
DRYOPTERIDACEAE
ISOETACEAE
MARSILEACEAE
ANGIOSPERMAE
ASCLEPIADACEAE
BORAGINACEAE
CAMPANULACEAE
CAPRIFOLIACEAE
CARYOPHYLLACEAE
CELASTRACEAE
CHENOPODIACEAE
CISTACEAE
COMPOSITAE
CONVOLVULACEAE
CRASSULACEAE
CRUCIFERAE
CYPERACEAE
DIPSACACEAE

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ERICACEAE
EUPHORBIACEAE
GERANIACEAE
GRAMINEAE
GLOBULARIACEAE
LABIATAE
LEGUMINOSAE
LILIACEAE
LORANTHACEAE
MYRICACEAE
OLEACEAE
ORCHIDACEAE
PITTOSPORACEAE
PLANTAGINACEAE
PLUMBAGINACEAE
POLYGONACEAE
RHAMNACEAE
ROSACEAE
SANTALACEAE
SCROPHULARIACEAE
SOLANACEAE
UMBELLIFERAE
VIOLACEAE
LOWER PLANTS
BRYOPHYTA

ANNEX III

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING SITES ELIGIBLE FOR IDENTIFICATION AS SITES OF COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE AND DESIGNATION AS SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION

STAGE 1 Assessment at national level of the relative importance of sites...

- A. Site assessment criteria for a given natural habitat type in...
- B. Site assessment criteria for a given species in Annex II...
- C. On the basis of these criteria, Member States will classify...
- D. That list will show the sites containing the priority natural...

STAGE 2 Assessment of the Community importance of the sites included on...

1. All the sites identified by the Member States in Stage...
2. The assessment of the Community importance of other sites on...

ANNEX IV

ANIMAL AND PLANT SPECIES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST IN NEED OF STRICT PROTECTION

The species listed in this Annex are indicated:
by the name of species or subspecies, or by the...
The abbreviation ' spp. ' after the name of a...

(a) ANIMALS

VERTEBRATES
MAMMALS
INSECTIVORA
Erinaceidae
Soricidae
Talpidae
MICROCHIROPTERA
All species
MEGACHIROPTERA
Pteropodidae
RODENTIA
Gliridae
Sciuridae
Castoridae
Cricetidae
Microtidae
Zapodidae
Hystricidae
CARNIVORA
Canidae
Ursidae
Mustelidae
Felidae
Phocidae
ARTIODACTYLA
Cervidae
Bovidae
CETACEA
All species
REPTILES
TESTUDINATA
Testudinidae
Cheloniidae
Dermochelyidae
Emydidae
SAURIA
Lacertidae
Scincidae
Gekkonidae
Agamidae
Chamaeleontidae
Anguidae
OPHIDIA
Colubridae
Viperidae
Boidae
AMPHIBIANS
CAUDATA
Salamandridae
Proteidae
Plethodontidae
ANURA
Discoglossidae

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Ranidae
Pelobatidae
Bufonidae
Hylidae

FISH

ACIPENSERIFORMES

Acipenseridae

SALMONIFORMES

Coregonidae

CYPRINIFORMES

Cyprinidae

ATHERINIFORMES

Cyprinodontidae

PERCIFORMES

Percidae

INVERTEBRATES

ARTHROPODS

CRUSTACEA

Isopoda

INSECTA

Coleoptera

Lepidoptera

Mantodea

Odonata

Orthoptera

ARACHNIDA

Araneae

MOLLUSCS

GASTROPODA

BIVALVIA

Anisomyaria

Unionoida

Dreissenidae

ECHINODERMATA

Echinoidea

(b) PLANTS

PTERIDOPHYTA

ASPLENIACEAE

ANGIOSPERMAE

AGAVACEAE

AMARYLLIDACEAE

BERBERIDACEAE

CAMPANULACEAE

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

COMPOSITAE

CRUCIFERAE

EUPHORBIACEAE

GESNERIACEAE

IRIDACEAE

LABIATAE

LILIACEAE

ORCHIDACEAE

PRIMULACEAE
 RANUNCULACEAE
 SAPOTACEAE
 SAXIFRAGACEAE
 SCROPHULARIACEAE
 SOLANACEAE
 THYMELAEACEAE
 UMBELLIFERAE
 VIOLACEAE

ANNEX V

ANIMAL AND PLANT SPECIES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST WHOSE TAKING IN THE WILD AND EXPLOITATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The species listed in this Annex are indicated:
 by the name of the species or subspecies, or by...
 The abbreviation ' spp. ' after the name of a...

- (a) ANIMALS
- VERTEBRATES
 - MAMMALS
 - RODENTIA
 - CARNIVORA
 - DUPLICIDENTATA
 - ARTIODACTYLA
 - AMPHIBIANS
 - ANURA
 - FISH
 - PETROMYZONIFORMES
 - ACIPENSERIFORMES
 - CLUPEIFORMES
 - SALMONIFORMES
 - CYPRINIFORMES
 - SILURIFORMES
 - PERCIFORMES
 - INVERTEBRATES
 - COELENTERATA
 - CNIDARIA
 - MOLLUSCA
 - GASTROPODA — STYLOMMATOPHORA
 - BIVALVIA — UNIONOIDA
 - ANNELIDA
 - HIRUDINOIDEA — ARHYNCHOBDELLAE
 - ARTHROPODA
 - CRUSTACEA — DECAPODA
 - INSECTA — LEPIDOPTERA
- (b) PLANTS
- ALGAE
 - RHODOCHRYSALEACEAE
 - LICHENES

CLADONIACEAE
BRYOPHYTA
MUSCILEUCOBRYACEAE
SPHAGNACEAE
PTERIDOPHYTA
ANGIOSPERMAE
AMARYLLIDACEAE
COMPOSITAE
CRUCIFERAE
GENTIANACEAE
IRIDACEAE
LABIATAE
LEGUMINOSAE
LILIACEAE
PLUMBAGINACEAE
ROSACEAE
SCROPHULARIACEAE

ANNEX VI

PROHIBITED METHODS AND MEANS OF CAPTURE AND KILLING AND MODES OF TRANSPORT

- (a) Non-selective means
 - MAMMALS
 - FISH
- (b) Modes of transport

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- (2) [OJ No C 75, 20. 3. 1991, p. 12.](#)
- (3) [OJ No C 31, 6. 2. 1991, p. 25.](#)
- (4) [OJ No C 328, 7. 12. 1987, p. 1.](#)
- (5) [OJ No L 103, 25. 4. 1979, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 91/244/ECC \(OJ No L 115, 8. 5. 1991, p. 41\).](#)