

ECST 2011-2015 strategic guideline for Mercantour National Park and Alpi Marittime Natural Park

Guideline 5: Monitoring the impacts of tourism

- Harmonize the methods, supports, analysis processes and tools used for monitoring
- Know the visitor flow (observation of flows, knowledge of visitors, visitor satisfaction)
- Develop tools for managing the most visited sites (survey protocols, management actions)

Action sheet No. 11

Monitor the impacts of tourism on the natural and cultural heritage

Correspondence with the measures of the Mercantour National Park charter

Objectives for the heartland:

- *Obj. I: Protect the heartland as an area for discovery, tranquillity, renewal and inspiration*
- *Obj. II: Protect the park's image and promote the ecoresponsibility of activities taking place within the heartland*
- *Obj. IV: Keep the natural aspect of the landscapes*
- *Obj. V: Promote the remarkable sites within the park*
- *Obj. VII: Protect the rocky environments and its related flora, especially the endemic species, from any alteration*
- *Objective XI: Preserve the aquatic environments: maintain the ecological continuity of torrents,*

restore the natural operation of lakes and protect the wetlands from disturbances caused by man

- *Objective XII: Protect the heritage flora, and particularly the 3 emblematic species:*

Ligurian Gentian, Alpine Sea Holly and Saxifrage with many flowers

- *Objective XIII: Ensure the tranquillity of the reproduction sites and hunting grounds*

of large birds of prey, in particular the Golden Eagle and the Lammergeyer

- *Objective XIV: Ensure the tranquillity of the large wild land fauna and preserve its natural dynamics*

Protect the cultural heritage

- *Objective XV: Limit the deterioration and alteration of the rock carvings at the Merveilles site*

Directions for the partnership zone

Direction 1: Take care of the landscapes

Direction 2: Preserve the natural environments and species

Direction 3: Preserve and promote cultural heritage

Direction 4: Promote sustainable tourism for a territory and its people

Direction 12: Accompany the outdoor activities in order to preserve the environment

Correspondence with the ECST principles

Principle 3 – Protect and highlight the natural and cultural heritage of the protected area, by and for tourism, and protect this heritage from excessive tourist development

Principle 8 – Ensure that tourism supports and does not reduce the quality of life of residents

Principle 10 – Control and influence the tourist flows in order to reduce the negative impacts

CONTEXT (framework elements)

The preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of the park's entire territory is a collective responsibility in order for this to remain accessible to future generations. In the heart of the park, it is mainly the public corporation's responsibility to implement all the management measures so that tourist visitation does not alter these riches. In the partnership zone, the park will support all the initiatives that aim at reducing any impacts relating to uncontrolled visitation. To do this, the Park will mobilize its scientific knowledge to lead and accompany monitoring programmes. To this end, it will draw on the Generalized Biodiversity Inventory programme and the cross-border cultural heritage watchdog that it shares with the Alpi Marittime Park. Within the framework of the ECST partnership approach, this responsibility will be shared with all the players involved in the approach by monitoring visitation, impact assessment protocols, management measures and even restoration.

OBJECTIVES

- Set up mechanisms to monitor the conservation status of natural and cultural heritage.
- Know the tourist visitation to the territory and more specifically that in the heart of the park or other remarkable natural areas in the partnership zone.
- Assess the potential impacts and propose corrective measures.

Content of the action (sub-action)

Description of actions	Launch date and duration	Contractor	Associated partners	Financial/human resources	Indicators Undefined 2012 Discussion
• <u>Knowledge of tourist visitation in the territory</u>					
80. Tourism watchdog in the mountain zone	2011-2015 (annual)	Riviera CRT ADT 04	PNM CG 06 CG 04 Valley centres	CRT budget ADT budget	

81. Establishment of a study protocol for monitoring visitation to the optimal partnership zone	2012-2013	PNF	PNM Riviera CRT ADT 04	PNF budget Undetermined to date	
82. Identification and mapping of outdoor activities in the territory of both parks (cross-border action)	2011-2012	UFR STAPS	PNM PNAM	Alcotra programme EUR 40,000	
83. Visitation study (quantitative study) in the Heart of the Park carried out every 5 years (cross-border action)	2011	PNM	PNAM Riviera CRT ADT 04 PNF	PNM budget EUR 51,000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study of the impacts of equipment and activities 					
84. Inventory of the biodiversity of the Isola 2000, Auron and Pra Lou ski slopes	2011 –2012	PNM	Resort managers	PNM budget EUR 5,000/year	
85. Evaluation of the interactions of hang gliding on the wild fauna and natural environments (Master 2 stage)	2011	PNM	Hang gliding federation	PNM budget EUR 2,000	
86. Implementation of mechanisms to prevent the collision of avifauna with the ski lift cables. Isola 2000 and Valberg resorts	2011	PNM	Resort managers	ECONNECT programme EUR 5,000	
87. Implementation of a conservation monitoring protocol for the rock cravings in the Merveilles valley	2012-2015 (annual)	PNM	DRAC Lazaret Museum Merveilles departmental museum CG 06	Budget undetermined	
88. Organisation of cross-border exchanges between mountain resort managers and protected area managers (cross-border action)	2012	PNM - PNAM	PNM - PNAM Resort managers	PNM budget EUR 3,000	
89. Generalized inventory on biodiversity - 2011: cave environments	2011-2014 (annual)	PNM	PNAM National museum of natural history	ALCOTRA programme sponsorship EUR 80,000/year	

- 2012-2014: agropastoral, forest and wetland environments (cross-border action)			Turin Regional museum of natural sciences		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitation control actions 					
90. Follow up the monitoring and information mechanism for the rock carving sites in the Merveilles valley: - Host and management mechanism	2011 – 2015 (annual)	PNM	DRAC	State 2011: EUR 50,000 Renewal convention for the period 2012-2015	
- Signature of public service delegation to accompany the regulated site in the Merveilles valley	2011 – 2015 (annual)	PNM		PNM budget 2011: EUR 15,000 To be renegotiated for the period 2012-2015	
91. Set up shuttles and manage car flows	2011-2015 (annual)	Municipality of Allos	PNM	Municipality of Allos budget	
92. Set up shuttles and manage car flows	2013-2014 (annual)	CCVU	PNM CG 04 Municipality of Larche	Alcotra programme EUR 40,000	
93. Re-qualification of the vehicle reception area at the edge of the heart of the park – Cayolle car park (municipalities of Entraunes and Uvernet Fours)	2011	PNM	Municipalities Community of municipalities	Alcotra programme EUR 65,000	
94. Re-qualification of the vehicle reception area at the edge of the heart of the park - Larche car park (municipalities of Larche and Argentera) (cross-border action)	2011-2012	PNM - PNAM	PNAM CCVU Stura valley mountain community	Alcotra programme EUR 35,000	

