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## Library of Experience

### I. PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: *Who are you and what do you do?*

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### II. TOP 10 QUESTIONS: *Please share with us your experience*

#### 1. What is your earliest memory of enjoying or feeling connected to nature?

I joined the movement of Boy Scouts when I was 6 or 7 years old because I was already attracted to nature and because I wanted to do activities in nature.

#### 2. Was there an incident, or situation in your life that inspired you into the field of work you now do?

It was also in the Boy Scouts movement where I developed all my social activities. When I finished high school I joined the university and started studying biology and during the 5 years of my career, I developed the Boy Scout monitor activity in a section of Rangers (11-14 years old), trying to transmit to other young people my knowledge and my respect and love for nature.

3. What book, or article, painting, photograph or TV or radio programme would you say has influenced you most in your work?

All TV documentaries about FAUNA IBÉRICA (Iberian fauna) broadcasted during the 60s and 70s of the last century in Spain, created and made by "[Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente](#)", a famous naturalist who allowed to change the mentality of the whole Spanish country, sensitizing the citizens in the value and protection of nature.

4. What person has influenced or inspired you most in your work and why?

I do not have a special individual reference; In fact, there are many professionals from whom I took good practices and examples. In any case, the person who has most influenced me is the one I mentioned above, Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente.

5. What advice would you give to your 20 year old self?

Working in any professional field, you always have to work in favor of nature, biodiversity, ecological balance. That should permeate all areas of our life.

6. What 3 words would you say to give advice to young people wishing to come into your area of work?

Absolute conviction in this area of work; honesty; work very hard.

7. What is the most fun thing about your work?

Get financing to develop projects, after many efforts to get it.

8. What are the hardest thing to overcome and how have you achieved this

The lack of conviction and support from the political representatives, to be able to get a good management of the park and overcome the hard problems that we have to face.

9. What motivates you to continue?

At the same level: have a way to make a living and develop a project that I believe in and enjoy.

10. What do you want your legacy to be?

A park with a higher level of protection and with a greater commitment of citizens in its protection.

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*Thank you very much for your time and dedication!*

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