



Project presentation & Survey report

Helping protected area adapt to a changing climate. Introduction to the Digital Siggen Seminar

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Reminder: Who is EUROPARC?

**Members
representation**



**Invest in
youth**



Sustainable tourism



**Transboundary
cooperation**





LIFE
NATUR'
ADAPT

... in a nutshell

Natur' Adapt is ...

- **10 partners** French & Europeans
- An **experiment** that aims at **integrating climate change** into protected area management practices as a collective process.
- Develop a **methodology** and strengthen a **community** of experts

Among ourselves we talk about...

Vulnerability assessment

Adaptation measures

Collaborative platform

Online courses

EUROPARC'S Role in the project:

- Participation to the steering of the project
- Interface with the European network of PA



What's in it for EUROPARC members

- a survey (online & phone) **DONE**
- “climate change” commission/Task Force. **STARTED**
- Dissemination & capacity building (workshops, webinars, articles, toolkit) **ONGOING**
- European Conference on Climate change adaptation for Protected Areas, France, OCT 2022 **TO BE STARTED**



Key learnings

from Natur'Adapt survey results

1

Climate change effects are observed among European protected areas

increasing temperatures // prolonged droughts

heavy rainfall very concentrated in time

rising sea and ocean levels // soil erosion

disruption of seasonal and phenological cycles

2

Climate change

is a priority for 77% of respondents

in the short term for 87% of them

... but remains secondary to the destruction, alteration and fragmentation of natural habitats

3

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22% of respondents
did a
vulnerability assessment

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Benefits of doing a **vulnerability assessment**. It leads to:

- Development of awareness campaigns
- Establishment of specific monitoring
- Designing of an adaptation plan
- Development of new partnership within the territory

4

Climate change adaptation is **an iterative process:**

- 1. Try,***
- 2. learn,***
- 3. adapt,***
- 4. try again, and again, ...***

4

Towards a methodology

1. The spark
2. The preparatory phase: Bibliographical research, meet experienced people. Imagine the future climate
3. Vulnerability assessment
4. Establishment of monitoring of climate variables and effects.
5. Planning and implementation of adaptation measures
6. Monitor, learn and adapt/try again

5

90% of respondents say that
Protected Areas have a role to play in climate change mitigation?

- “Tools” to strength the structural resilience of territories and providing Ecosystem Services
- Observatories or sentinels of climate change
- A space to experiment sustainable transition
- Climate change awareness

A word from the field...

*“Eventhough the path is uncertain,
just go for it. It is very interesting,
and simpler than it appears.”*

Cathy Hopley, Forest of Bowland AONB

Would you like to get involved?

Would you like to get involved? **Contact me :-)**

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To be continued

Extra content not presented

Recommendation
& Opportunities

Recommendation



**Do not fall into the
“paralysis of uncertainty” trap.**

“Don’t worry, you won’t lose anything. You’ll gain a lot. The journey is worth it. Thanks to this exercise in planning adaptation to climate change, the management practices of Cascais Ambiente have developed to become more inclusive and more financially sustainable”

João Dinis, Cascais Ambiente, Portugal.

Opportunity

1

To adopt a creative and dynamic posture

Opportunity

2

Be more inclusive and improve collaboration with local stakeholders (share common interests)

“In Portofino, we have observed mass extinction events for coral since 2006, but it was only after the super storm of October 2018 that the region’s inhabitants really became aware of the effects of climate change. Since then, cooperation with fishermen and inhabitants has become much more constructive. We are working together to develop adaptation solutions.”

Lorenzo Merotto, Marine Protected Area of Portofino, Italy.

Opportunity

3

**To position nature (protected areas)
at the heart of local adaptation and
mitigation strategies.**

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download the
survey summary

