

RIVER CONTRACTS – COMMITTED PARTNERSHIPS IN NAVARRA (SPAIN)

River contracts are a formal to engage different stakeholders in the conservation and stewardships of natural resources.

The aim is to promote citizen involvement in the participation for the management, conservation and improvement of rivers.

The European Project LIFE IREKIBAI supports river custody actions in the Baztan-Bidasoa and Leitzaran basins in Navarra (Spain) and in their Special Areas of Conservation.

THE RIVER CONTRACTS: Signed:

- Hunters and Fishermen Sports Club of the Baztan Valley with the Regional Government of Navarra (Baztan-Bidasoa Basin).





- Fishing Club "Nazas" of Bidasoa with the Regional Government of Navarra (Baztan-Bidasoa Basin).

IN PREPARATION:

- Sport Fishing Society El Esguín with the Regional Government of Navarra (Ega-Urederra Basin).

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- Consolidate a longstanding collaboration between the Regional Government of Navarra and Local Fishery societies.
- Formalize such collaboration through a cooperation protocol that will involve river custody actions in order to promote knowledge and involve citizens in the conservation and improvement of rivers and in the management of Special Conservation Areas.

COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED:

A) General Commitments

Collaborate together with the Forest Guards in carrying out the following actions:

- Inventories, semi-quantitative sampling of electric fishing, traps with pots, to monitor the status of species linked to the river environment.
- Trout rescue in the Artesiaga Regatta.
- Support to the Forest Guards in repopulations with fish species.
- Make available the human and material resources necessary to carry out the agreed activities.
- Inform the Cantabrian Water Authority (authorizations).
- Formalize a network of stable volunteers:
 - The partnership will provide/communicate a maximum of 5 people/day for each action to support the Forest Guards.
 - Will commit to the calendar that is previously agreed.

B) Commitments for the improvement of the river ecosystem

- The Regional Government of Navarra is committed to provide information and studies, so that the Fishery Society incorporates them into the monitoring report of the actions.
- The Fishery Society is committed to present proposals for improvement of the river ecosystem and fish management.
- The Fishery Society is committed to raise awareness among the local population and its associates about the importance of rivers and riversides by carrying out or supporting own participation and volunteer activities and/or supporting the different activities that the Regional Government of Navarra develops through European projects such as LIFE IREKIBAI.



C) Commitments for following-up the actions

- The parties are committed to carry out the monitoring of the actions annually programmed.

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