

*Participation process in the set up of
Management Plans for the Spanish National
Parks: the case of Cabrera*



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- Management Plans (Planes Rectores de Uso y Gestión):

main guidelines for the manager

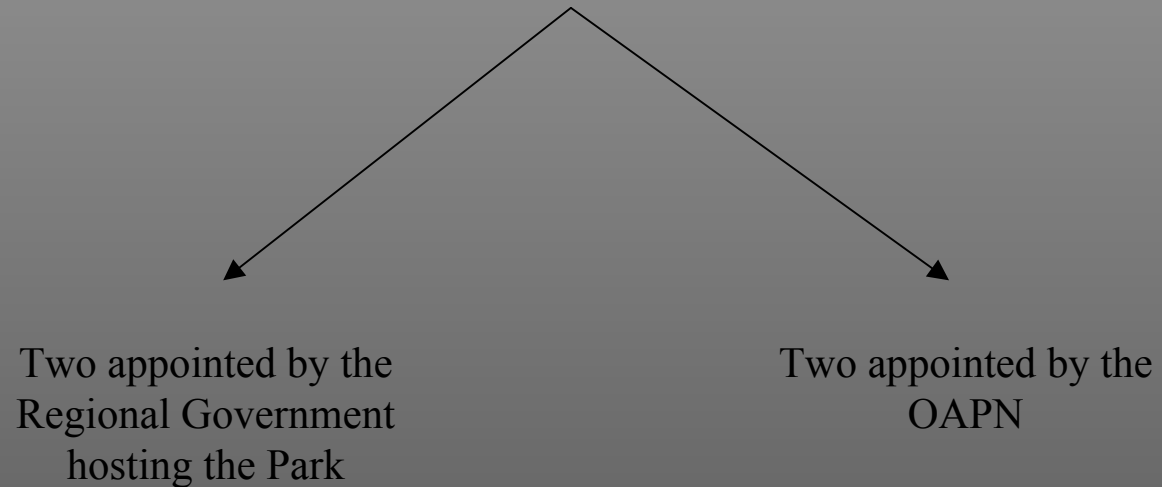
- General framework of action in the protected area
- What to do, when, where, who
- What cannot be done
- What can be done with regulations
- Objectives and timing

- Management Plans in the Spanish National Park

Network: a methodology in risk of extinction

- Management Plans for the National Parks:
open to social participation

- Process open to the whole society
- Focused on: to assure transparency and public participation in the process [art. 4.2a) RD 1803/99]
- Special attention on local stakeholders
- Process driven by a technical team: four members



- Process in steps:
- step a): documental analysis and diagnose.
 - Includes a relation of local agents concerned on the Park: public administrations, scientific institutions, NGOs, landowners, enterprises, individuals with special interest, etc
 - Phase a) *can* be informed by the **National Park Board**

What is the National Park Board?

- - Allows the participation of society in the management and control of the Park proposals and objectives.
- - Its functions are:
 - To inform on the Management Plan and sectorial plans, and new versions of it.
 - To inform on the general regulations applicable to the National Park.
 - To inform on the annual report
 - To inform on the distribution criteria for economic and financing resources for National Parks.
 - To propose improvements and/or amendments to any document or management activity set up by the Park team or Joint Committee
 - To safeguard the image of the National Park at national and international level.

- Cabrera National Park Board composition
 - President
 - 4 representatives State administration.
 - 4 representatives Regional administration.
 - 1 representative of the Mallorca Island Government (Consell Insular de Mallorca)
 - 1 Representative of the Palma Council.
 - The Chief Director
 - 1 Representative of the Balearic Islands University
 - 1 Representative of Instituto Español de Oceanografía.
 - 2 representatives of environmental NGOs.
 - 1 Representative of Fishermen
 - 1 Representative of the Rangers
 - Eventually, 1 representative of the Guardia Civil.

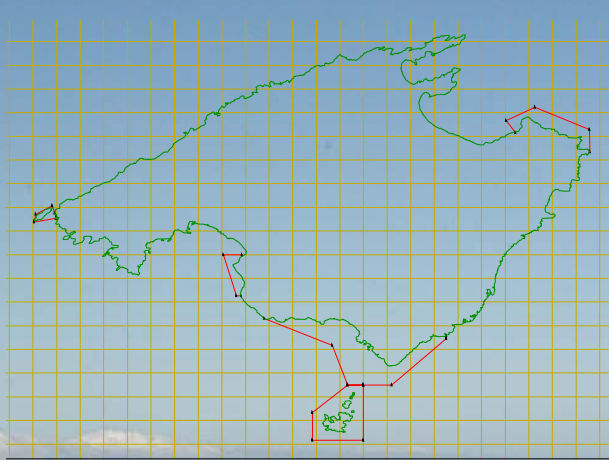
- Process in steps:
- Step b): Definition of objectives of the MP
- Step c): Definition of problems and selection of solutions
 - Both b) and c) **includes the participation of local agents in its definition and proposed solutions**
 - First file **submitted again to local stakeholders for evaluation**
 - As a result, pre-MP

- Process in steps:
- step d): The Pre-MP in evolution:
 - 1st: Informed (not approved or rejected) by the Management Board
 - 2nd: at least 1 month of public information, diffusion on the media, and interviews with selected agents to explain the MP

From the allegations accepted, reelaboration of the MP: final text

Compulsory report of the National Park's Board

Publication as a legal text by the Regional Government



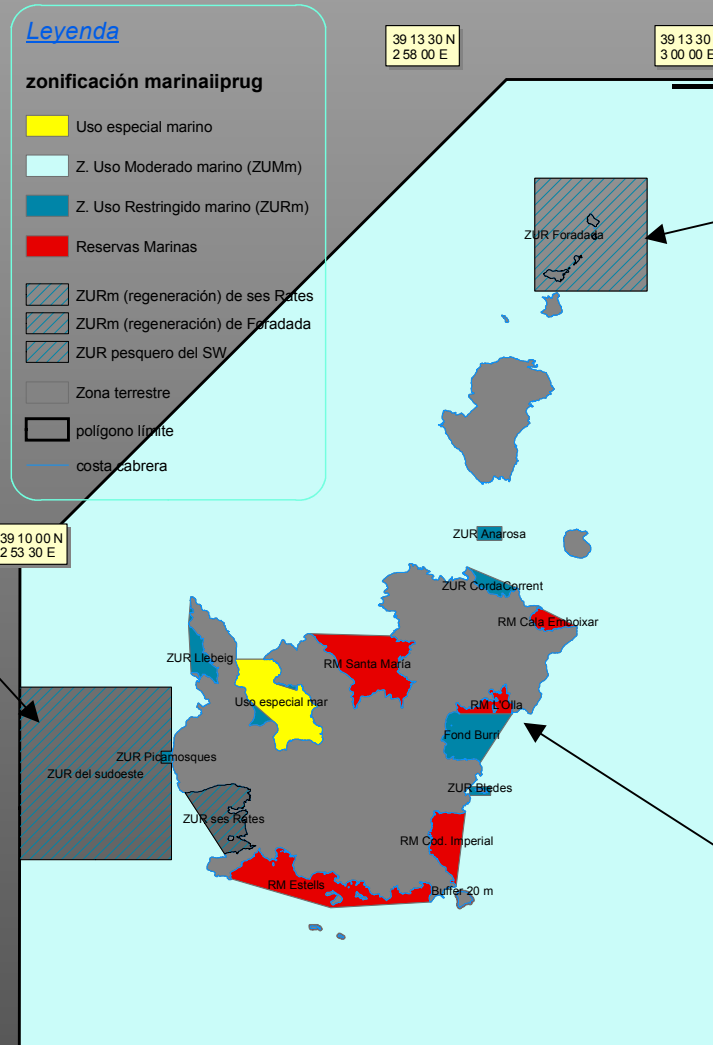
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The case of Cabrera NP

- New Management Plan in its final stage
- 55 reasoned allegations during the month of public information, coming from several local agents and stakeholders
- 8 personal interviews conducted, with the help of a PPoint presentation :
 - Scientific community (UIB, CSIC)
 - Fishermen (3 meetings)
 - NGOs (2 presentations)
 - Entrepreneurs
 - Diving clubs

Changes proposed by fishermen

Substitution of this proposed area where gill nets are forbidden for a temporary winter ban for this gear of six months



Reshape of this new Marine reserve

Change of this MR into a Restricted fishery area



Tips on Participation and MP

- The main factor controlling participation in the preparation of MP is the willingness, *faith in the process* and capacity of the team in charge
- Participation should mean mainly *a presentation of challenges* to the society –not the opportunities/values- for a common search of acceptable solutions
- Participation *must not* be only a communication matter but rather a real tool to improve and connect the MP –and therefore the MPA- with society