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Who are we?

Board:

President*:

Miguel de la Hoz

Vicepresident**:

Antonio L. Santalla

Secretary:

Laura Donada

Treasurer:

Maya Ormazábal

*leaves the post due to professional incompatibility

**interim president

In 2005, the board will be reelected, and specific board memberships and commissions will be created.

Territorios Vivos is an organization created to promote the implementation of development models that are compatible with the preservation of biological and cultural diversity, based on social participation.

It was born from the interest and effort of a large group of specialists in protected areas. **Territorios Vivos** is a transdisciplinary and coherent professional platform, committed to its goals and whose job is based on scientific knowledge and continuous interaction with all stakeholders involved.



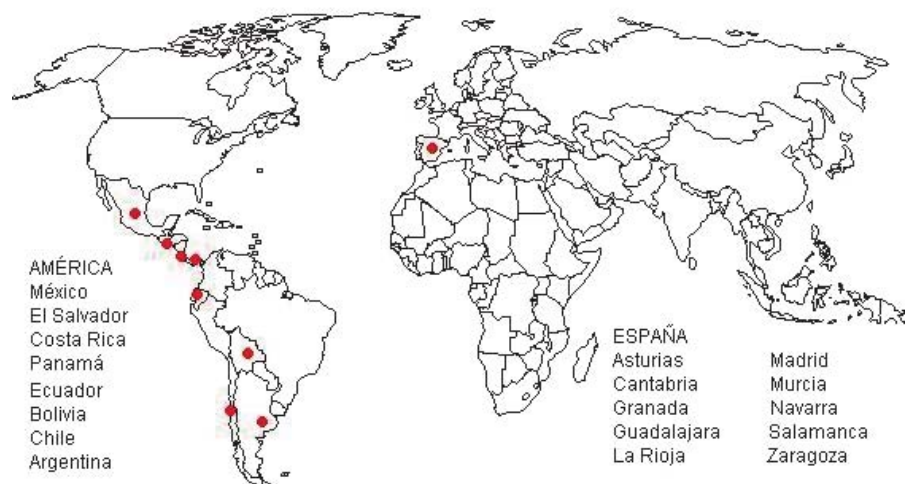
Founding of **Territorios Vivos**.

After several preliminary meetings with students of the Master course on Protected Areas organised by the Fernando González Bernáldez Foundation and Europarc-Spain, we finally were registered as an Association in **May 2004**. This first year has been filled with meetings and other work in order to develop all the necessary tools for an adequate functioning of the association. It is now when we are in gear to start and we'd like to share that with you.

At present, we count on 32 members from different professional (environmentalists, biologists, economists, geographers, forestry engineers, agricultural engineers, journalists) and geographical (several Spanish regions and countries in Latin America) backgrounds.

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Geographic location of our present members and contacts.

What moves us?

Aware of the present environmental degradation process and the loss of life forms and traditional cultures, especially in highly natural areas, we, at **Territorios Vivos** sum our efforts to enhance changes in favour of new development models that are compatible with the preservation of biological and cultural diversity, based on social participation.

This is the reason why our actions are grounded on the following principles:

- Cooperation.** To enhance and perform international development and cooperation projects, in accordance with our mission.
- Exchange.** To facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience.
- Awareness raising.** To contribute to the raising of environmental awareness of society, training people in sustainable development.
- Participation.** To promote effective participation mechanisms among stakeholders.
- Research.** To enhance research as a basis for the search of sustainable and fair development strategies.
- Prevention.** To prevent and alleviate the negative impacts of certain territorial actions may have on biodiversity.

Where do we work?



Soon we will open our branch office in Argentina.

Our projects take place in land **in and around natural protected areas** or prone to be declared as such due to their cultural and natural heritage; always in benefit of the local population. Education, communication and awareness activities and campaigns are used to reach this population. Our headquarters are in Spain, with active representatives in several regions, therefore most of our activities take place within that country.

With the assistance of our **Latin American** members, we intend to reinforce our presence in that region, through cooperation projects with local counterparts. In fact, we are already performing our first project in National Park Kaa-lyá, in the Bolivian Gran Chaco.



In other cases, we will create local branch offices, as is already the case in Argentina, where **Territorios Vivos Argentina** is being founded (*contact person*: Raúl Alberto Romero).

Projects

The projects and activities that we perform are focused on reaching our goals. Our main **areas of interest** are :

- conservation projects, international cooperation, restoration and/or sustainable development in protected areas, trying to create pilot experiences,
- design and implementation of tools for social participation processes,
- environmental education, communication and awareness raising campaigns and activities,
- establishment of contracts or agreements with public or private land owners for land custody and the development of projects within their property.

Next, the ongoing, as well as future projects will be presented. In each of them, the names of the members of **Territorios Vivos** who are involved, are given.

Ongoing projects

Project. Participative design of an interpretation path in the buffer zone of National Park Kaa-Iya, Gran Chaco (Bolivia).

Local organisers. Capitanía del Alto y Bajo Isozo (CABI).

Total cost. 4.078 €

Contribution by CABI. 700 €

With the co-financing of Berrioplano Municipality (Navarra, Spain).

Artica Council (Navarra, Spain).



Views of N.P. Kaa-Iya, Bolivia, where we perform our first international project.

This project involves the design and improvement of an interpretation path in the buffer zone of this national park, with environmental education and ecotouristic purposes. In both stages, design and improvement, the local population will play a key role, who will in the end be responsible for the public use management of this path. They will receive assistance from the Capitanía del Alto y Bajo Isozo (CABI), a locally-based organization with competences in the management of this natural protected area.

It is worth mentioning that this is the first interpretation path to be built in this national park, which contributes to the improvement of the existing public use infrastructures. Also, this project will allow local communities to profit directly from an improved tourist attraction while, at the same time, potential negative impacts by tourists on their cultural heritage will be minimized, by having played an important role from the beginning of the process.



Contacts for future projects

During 2004, contact was established with several organizations, aiming at potential future projects for **Territorios Vivos** (proceeding):



In the Moncayo Natural Park

Agreement with the Bisimbre Municipality (Zaragoza province, Spain), for the elaboration of the Management Plan of the SCI ES2430085 "Laguna de Plantados y Laguna de Agón". We have applied for a grant at the Regional Government of Aragón, which will be decided on in February 2005.

Agreement with the Tarazona and Moncayo County (Zaragoza province, Spain), on environmental cooperation and advise. One possible result of this agreement is the county's Regulation Plan for Mycological Resources, to be financed by LEADER.

Co-operation with the Association of Friends of Inland Salinas (Guadalajara province, Spain), for the preparation of joint projects related to natural areas in salinas, salt marshes and other halophyllic ecosystems.

Murcia. Our members in Murcia (SE Spain) suggested a project on land custody in a SCI with riparian forests in the NW of the Murcia region.

El Salvador. There has been recent talk about establishing contacts with local organizations to perform projects in the Río Sapo Natural Area, in the Morazán district.



Territorios Vivos is open to any other project or activity proposal, provided it is in accordance with our goals and mission.



Other activities

Representation in institutions.

Territorios Vivos is member of the **Board of Trustees of the Natural Park Moncayo**, as a representative of environmentalist NGOs. It also acts as advisor of the Public Use Comisión, created within the Board of Trustees to participate in the elaboration of the Plan of Public Use of the park.



Natural Park Moncayo
Aragón Protected Areas

Presentation of the Association.

By invitation of the organisers of the **Master course in Protected Areas**, the Foundation Fernando González Bernáldez and Europarc-Spain, **Territorios Vivos** was presented last December 10th at the University Autónoma of Madrid, to the students of the 2004 edition of the Master course.



Celebration of the General Assembly.

Last Saturday 11 December 2004 we celebrated in Madrid our first General Assembly, in which the present Statutes were approved and the calendar of activities for 2005 was established.

Participation in events.

- *I Seminar on Land Custody*, organised by CEMACAM and the Council of Water, Agriculture and Environment of the Region of Murcia, May 2004, Murcia (Spain).

- Meeting of the Protected Areas Working Group of the Spanish Society of Forestry Sciences (SECF) - titled *Forestry Management in Protected Areas* - in San Martín de la Virgen del Moncayo (Natural Park Moncayo, Zaragoza, Spain). October 2004.
- National Environment Congress, November 2004, Madrid (Spain).
- Conference – debate “*Towards a new forest economy – Environmental economy, a tool for management and conservation of natural areas*”, organised by the Catalonia Forestry Consortium, Foundation Territori i Paisatge, Catalanian Technological Forestry Centre and the Regional Government of Catalonia. November 2004, Barcelona (Spain).
- II Environmental Debate Seminar “*Shared management of protected areas in the Pyrenees*”, organised by the Consortium for the Promotion of Socioeconomic Development in Los Valles. December 2004, Echo (Huesca, Spain).

Elaboration of our website and mailing list.

Our website is currently under construction, although our domain has already been registered: www.territoriosvivos.org. It will soon be in operation, including further information on **Territorios Vivos**, and it will be permanently updated with contents related to our work.

Also, a mailing list will be available for all members who wish to exchange information, job offers, technical queries, debates, news about courses, activities, etc..

Economic report

Territorios Vivos wishes to be **crystal clear** towards our members, donors or collaborators from the very beginning. The balance sheet and annual accounts will be available at all times for consultation. Our economic management is based on transparency and good practices in budgeting, accountancy and balance sheet-making.

Incomes and expenditures by 31 December 2004.

(in euro)

INCOMES 2004

PRIVATE INCOMES

Members and donors 764

PUBLIC INCOMES

Local and regional administrations 3377

TOTAL INCOMES 4141

EXPENDITURES 2004

Constitution and administration 112

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 112

COMMITTED EXPENDITURES 2005

PROJECTS

Project CABI Bolivia 3377

Constitution Territorios Vivos Argentina 40

TOTAL 3417

AVAILABLE 2005* 612

*Available from the non-committed 2004 result.



Territorios Vivos commits to use all its funds in projects that promote a development model compatible with the preservation of biological and cultural diversity, with full participation of the beneficiaries and the implication of all stakeholders.



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Territorios Vivos is formed by professional members of different backgrounds, who are specialised in protected area management. Its headquarters are in Spain and has members from several Latin American countries, among which Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Panamá and México.

From its creation, **Territorios Vivos** has been present in different events related to natural resources conservation and management and contact has been established with organisations and institutions in order to develop project proposals. Some of these contacts have given their fruits, such as the co-operation with Capitanía del Alto y Bajo Isoso (CABI) for the creation of an interpretation path in National Park Kaa-Iya (Gran Chaco, Bolivia).

An important milestone, although internal, has been the celebration of our first General Assembly, during the month of December 2004.



Are you interested?

How to help?

By becoming a member of **Territorios Vivos** (info@territoriosvivos.org), paying a fee or actively participating in the activities of the Association.

By making a monetary donation or paying in goods and services, whether generic or related to a particular project or activity.

What is your profit?

As a member, you'll become part of a group who enhances a more harmonic relationship between man and his environment, contributing to promote awareness and valuation of our cultural and natural heritage. Also, you will regularly receive detailed information about the activities in which **Territorios Vivos** is involved.

As a donor, you'll know that your contribution will be used to pursue the aims for which **Territorios Vivos** was created and you will be identified with the project or activity to which you have given your contribution.



We work for the preservation of our cultural and natural heritage.