

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Toubkal National Park

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The Mediterranean Mountain National Parks Conservation issues and sustainable development perspectives

December 8 - 10, 2022 Faculty of Sciences Semlalia - Marrakech - Morocco





First Circular

Context

The High Atlas, a major geographical feature of the Mediterranean Basin, is one of the eleven areas designated as Mediterranean biodiversity hotspots. It is characterized by high plant diversity, high rate of endemism and holds most of the Important Plant Areas (IPAs) of Morocco.

Morocco has 10 national parks as protected forests areas, which represent most of the country's ecosystems and contains around 15% of the threatened species of the Mediterranean forests. These national parks also have a high potential for sustainable development, particularly in terms of ecotourism and the promotion of local products to enhance community livelihoods.

The Toubkal National Park (TNP) is the first founded national park in the High Atlas Mediterranean biodiversity hotspots, in 1924. The TNP is in the heart of a future starry sky reserve "Atlas Dark Sky Reserve".

Therefore, in order (1) to establish an inventory of the research studies carried out in the TNP territory since its creation, (2) to allow the scientific community to share its experience and data, (3) to discuss and submit recommendations to the managers of this protected area, the Regional Directorate of Water and Forests and Fight Against Desertification of the High Atlas/Directorate of the Toubkal National Park and the Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech are organizing, from 8 to 10 December 2022, a scientific symposium under the theme "Mediterranean mountain national parks: Conservation issues and perspectives of sustainable development".

Objectives

- Establishing an inventory of the research works carried out or in progress in the area of the Toubkal National Park.
- Harks and gaps.
- Exchanging experiences from other Mediterranean National Parks in terms of management of biodiversity conservation and valorization of ecosystems and landscapes.
- Developing new cooperation while strengthening existing partnerships.

Co-organisers

- Cadi AYYAD University of Marrakech
- Regional Directorate of Water and Forests and Fight Against Desertification of the High Atlas/
 Directorate of the Toubkal National Park (DREFLCD/HA / DPNT)- Marrakech

Topics

General theme:

Mediterranean mountain national parks: Conservation issues and perspectives of sustainable development.

Sub-themes:

- Biodiversity and Ecosystems
- Geodiversity and landscapes
- Material and immaterial cultural heritage
- Historical and sociological aspects: Human-National Park relationships
- Resource enhancement and sustainable development
- Resilience and adaptation to climate change
- Management and conservation
- Dark Sky Reserve

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Call for communications

To register for the symposium, please fill the form here

To submit the abstract for oral and poster communication, please download the template here

Important dates:

Deadline for abstract submission: October 15, 2022

Notification of abstract acceptance: October 30, 2022

Deadline for registration: October 30, 2022
 Symposium Dates: December 8 - 10, 2022

Fees

Participant categories	Before October 30, 2022	After October 30, 2022
Researchers, Engineers, Managers	1500 DH (150 €)	2000 DH (200 €)
Students	500 DH (50 €)	700 DH (70 €)
Accompanying persons	1000 DH (100 €)	1500 DH (150 €)

Registration fees cover coffee breaks, lunches and conference materials.

Bank account in the name of: Atlas Dark Sky Reserve Foundation

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PNTb visit

Toubkal National Park visit: December 10, 2022.

The program and the visit fee will be specified later.

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