



PRESS RELEASE

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Plataforma Salvar o Tua contests the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley

Plataforma Salvar o Tua contests the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley considering it to be just a way to activate the management of financial contributions under the Environmental Impact Statement of the Foz Tua Hydroelectric Project, planned by EDP.

In the scope of the public debate concerning the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley which has lasted until this current week, the Plataforma Salvar o Tua has prepared an objection paper taking into account that the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley is only to compensate the impacts of the Foz Tua dam.

Plataforma Salvar o Tua considers that the Portuguese Office for the regional development of the Tua Valley has presented a proposal for the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley to the Director of ICNF (the Portuguese Institute for the Conservation of Nature) - as a way to activate the management of financial contributions under the Environmental Impact Statement of the Foz Tua Hydroelectric Project, planned by EDP.

The creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley, accordingly to the Platform, will not resolve any problem, taking into account that most of the endemic plants on the Tua Valley will be completely wiped out, excepting the ones rescued, that will become part of the strange oddities that will unfortunately disappear as a result of the government's irresponsibility.

Plataforma Salvar o Tua considers that the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley only makes sense if the most important areas are not destroyed by the construction and reservoir of the Foz Tua dam and regrets that the creation of this park, in the surrounding hills, is taken as a compensation measure to justify the huge impacts of the Foz Tua dam, a fact that gives low recognition for those responsible.

This park in the Tua Valley, without specific regulation for the conservation of the existing habits is only to protect the interests of the municipalities of the Office for the regional development of the Tua Valley and EDP, a Portuguese energetic company.

Attached is the paper prepared by Plataforma Salvar o Tua.



The PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA is an association for the protection of the environment founded by nine environmental associations and a wine company. The body members are:

- AAVT – ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS AMIGOS DO VALE DO TUA
 - ALDEIA – ACÇÃO, LIBERDADE, DESENVOLVIMENTO, EDUCAÇÃO, INVESTIGAÇÃO, AMBIENTE
 - GEOTA – GRUPO DE ESTUDOS DE ORDENAMENTO DO TERRITÓRIO E AMBIENTE
 - LPN – LIGA PARA A PROTEÇÃO DA NATUREZA
 - SPEA – SOCIEDADE PORTUGUESA PARA O ESTUDO DAS AVES
 - QUERCUS – ASSOCIAÇÃO NACIONAL DE CONSERVAÇÃO DA NATUREZA
 - COAGRET – COORDENADORA DE AFECTADOS PELAS GRANDES BARRAGENS E TRANSVAZES
 - FAPAS – FUNDO PARA A PROTEÇÃO DOS ANIMAIS SELVAGENS
 - GAIA – GRUPO DE ACÇÃO E INTERVENÇÃO AMBIENTAL
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