



## PRESS RELEASE

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**Plataforma Salvar o Tua considers the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley to be a fraud**

**Plataforma Salvar o Tua contests the publication of the *Regulation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley* made few days after the public debate about this case, taking into account that there wasn't any publication about the proposal of Regulation neither a report of analyses about the expertise of the public consultation.**

The public debate for the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley, went until 19 of September but despite the fact that any proposal of regulation was proposed neither any analyses of the case it was published in the Portuguese Official Journal the *Regulation 364-A/2013*, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, concerning the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley.

Plataforma Salvar o Tua has prepared during the public debate an objection paper taking into account that the creation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley is to compensate the impacts of the Foz Tua dam, planned by EDP, despite the fact that it will destroy the most valuable cultural and natural heritage of the Tua Valley.

The Regulation of the Nature Park of the Tua Valley clearly states on article 6 that “*the applicable regime of the NPTV is defined in the Municipal Territorial Plans*”. This means that there isn't any specific regulation for the preservation of the natural area of this Park, which reveals to be, in fact, a enormous fraud. Moreover, the supervision is of the responsibility of the very same municipalities.

The Nature Park of the Tua Valley is only of the interest of EDP and the municipalities of the Portuguese *Office for the regional development of the Tua Valley*. We underline that the costs of the management body of the NPTV reach about €1.070.241, which is a complete scandal.

Plataforma Salvar o Tua strongly objects all the process of creating the Nature Park of the Tua Valley.

At Lisbon, on September 25<sup>th</sup> 2013

The Direction Board of the Plataforma Salvar o Tua



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  - GEOTA – GRUPO DE ESTUDOS DE ORDENAMENTO DO TERRITÓRIO E AMBIENTE
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