



# CATALOGUE OF SCIENTIFIC ECOTOURISM EXPERIENCES IN SPAIN

EXPERIENCE THE SUCCESS STORIES  
OF BIODIVERSITY  
CONSERVATION IN SPAIN



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## INTRODUCTION

For the first time, six major conservation foundations have rallied together to create a groundbreaking project that focuses on ecotourism. Through the Scientific Ecotourism Experiences in Spain (*Experiencias de Ecoturismo Científico en España*, EECEs) that have been designed, scientists from these nonprofit foundations, in collaboration with the local businesses involved and the Spanish Ecotourism Association (*Soy Ecoturista*), can show you the successful, important work they are doing with, for example, the bearded vulture, brown bear, Iberian imperial eagle, Iberian lynx and black vulture, including their habitats, or their work on the recovery of wetlands.

Visitors taking part will not only learn first-hand about these success stories of biodiversity conservation in Spain; they will also be, from that moment onwards, contributors towards them. EECEs are carbon neutral experiences that allow visitors to support conservation.

And you can also get involved by following the **Great Route of Scientific Ecotourism in Spain**, the first great route of its kind in the world, where you can take part, learn, contribute and enjoy through these experiences in 15 important protected natural areas spread over 9 autonomous regions.

'Scientific Ecotourism Experiences in Spain' is a project led by the *Fundación para la Conservación del Quebrantahuesos*, carried out together with other conservation foundations such as *Fundación Oso Pardo*, *Fundación Aquila*, *Fundación CBD-Hábitat*, *Fundación Naturaleza y Hombre*, and *Fundación Global Nature*. The project has been approved by the Secretary of State for Tourism within the framework of the programme 'Tourism Experiences in Spain' (Order ICT/1524/2021, 30 December; Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan of the Ministry of Industry and Tourism) and is funded by the European Union through the Next Generation EU fund.





## WHAT IS A SCIENTIFIC ECOTOURISM EXPERIENCE?

A **Scientific Ecotourism Experience in Spain (EECE)** is a journey to get to know, observe, learn about and appreciate species and their habitats, that encourage travelling to **Spain** and exploring **protected areas and their surroundings** that are home to such **biodiversity**. This is achieved through interpretive conservation programmes carried out by the various foundations together with environmental authorities, through the enjoyment of **tourism services** provided by a selection of **local businesses** that comply with good practices in **sustainability**, and through making practical contributions to biodiversity conservation.

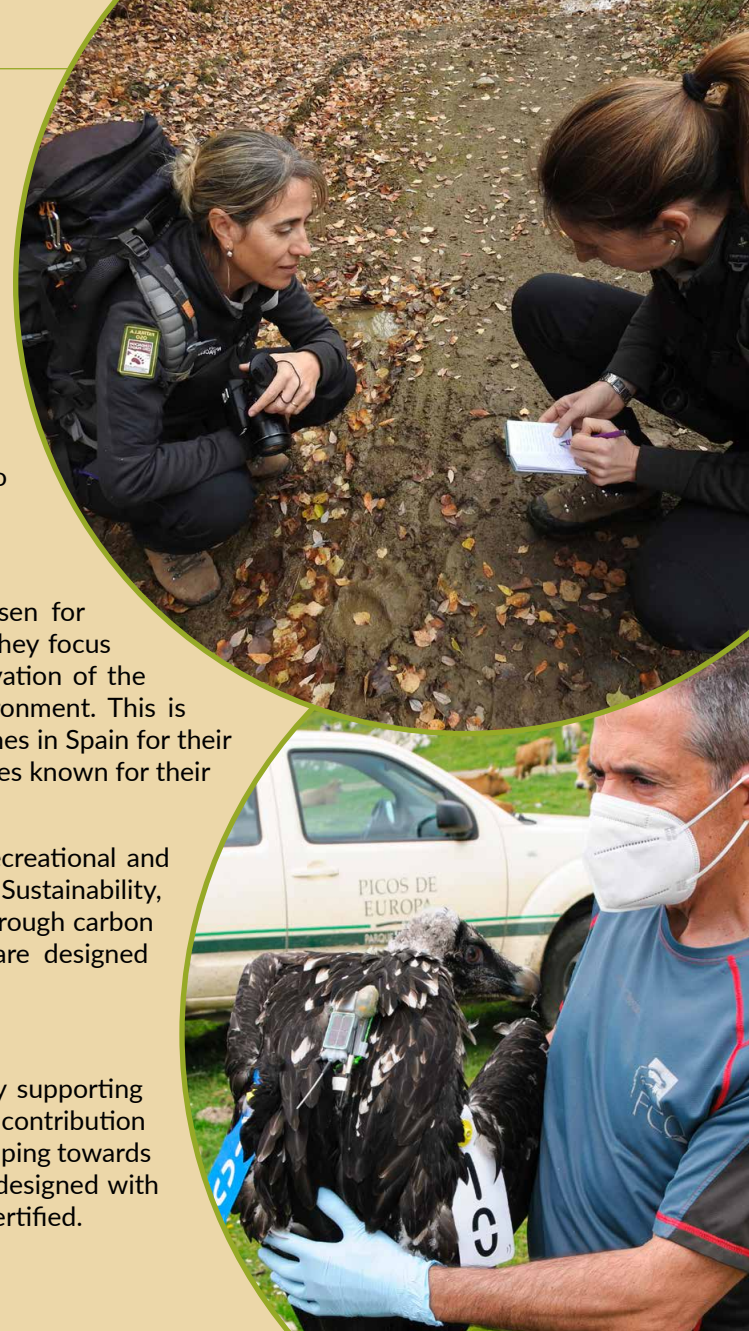
### WHAT DOES AN EECE INVOLVE?

EECEs are made up of a range of interpretative facilities and tourism services chosen for their environmental commitment in protected areas and their surroundings. Together they focus on getting to know, enjoying, learning about and actively participating in the conservation of the most endangered species and their habitats, without leaving an impact on the environment. This is achieved through private foundations that have developed successful science programmes in Spain for their conservation, in collaboration with environmental authorities and local tourism businesses known for their good practices and sustainability.

Through the lens of conservation, the EECEs have a strong interpretative, didactic, recreational and practical support component for the species and habitats that are central to them. Sustainability, responsible nature watching and the contribution to the fight against climate change through carbon neutral experiences are fundamental principles of the EECEs. All the experiences are designed according to the EECE Handbook, a handbook of good practices and sustainability.

### HOW CAN I SUPPORT CONSERVATION?

By taking part in any of the Scientific Ecotourism Experiences in Spain, you're already supporting the conservation of these species and their habitats. The experiences include a financial contribution system that each foundation reinvests in its work with the species/habitat. You're also helping towards the fight against climate change, as the experiences are carbon neutral. They've been designed with minimal impact on the environment, and the footprint created is calculated, offset and certified.



# FUNDACIÓN PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL QUEBRANTAHUESOS (FCQ)

*Fundación para la Conservación del Quebrantahuesos (FCQ)* was set up in 1995 as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) declared to be of public utility, which is dedicated to promoting and carrying out conservation, management, research, environmental education, rural development and ecotourism projects in the mountain habitats where the bearded vulture lives.

Their work is mainly carried out in the Pyrenees in Huesca, Zaragoza and Picos de Europa, and more recently also in the Sierra de Gredos and Maestrazgo de Teruel.

The FCQ is a leading NGO in the EECE project.

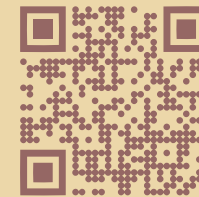


Experiences with FCQ in  
Picos de Europa (Asturias)  
and the Pyrenees (Huesca-  
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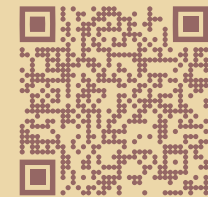
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FCQ WEBSITE



[www.quebrantahuesos.org](http://www.quebrantahuesos.org)

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# FUNDACIÓN OSO PARDO (FOP)

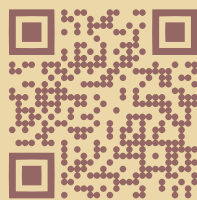
**Fundación Oso Pardo (FOP)** is a conservationist NGO created in 1992 to support the study and conservation of the brown bear, its habitat and surroundings. Its work is carried out in the Cantabrian Mountains and the Pyrenees, and extends to fields such as the conservation and restoration of highly significant habitats for the species, monitoring of the bear population, research applied to conservation, the fight against poaching, environmental education and the prevention of conflicts between humans and bears. The brown bear is an element of rural development and a symbol of well-preserved nature.

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## FOP WEBSITE



[www.fundacionosopardo.org](http://www.fundacionosopardo.org)

Experiences with FOP in  
Liébana (Cantabria) and  
Somiedo (Asturias)

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# FUNDACIÓN NATURALEZA Y HOMBRE (FNYH)

*Fundación Naturaleza y Hombre (FNYH)* was founded in 1994 to find a connection and form of coexistence between humans and nature. Its objectives include the conservation of natural heritage and traditional human activities (establishing a vision of unity between man and the environment), protected natural spaces (paying special attention to those at municipal level in collaboration with local councils and involvement in their management), the restoration of ecosystems and the recovery of endangered species of wild flora and fauna (in line with sustainable development, the safeguarding of ethnographic heritage, research and environmental education).

Its work is carried out mainly on the Pasiega Mountain and Eastern Cantabrian Mountains, the Green Belt of the Bay of Santander and in the Spanish/Portuguese corridor of the Western Iberian Peninsula. It also carries out international conservation projects.

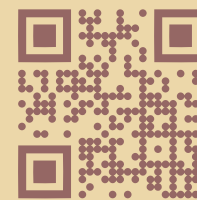


Experiences with FNYH  
in the Eastern Mountains  
(Cantabria) and Western  
Iberian Peninsula  
(Salamanca)

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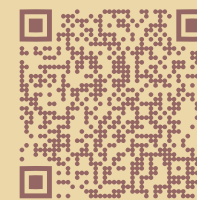
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FNYH WEBSITE



[www.fnyh.org](http://www.fnyh.org)

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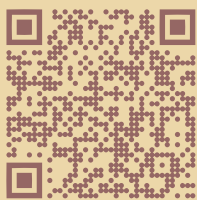


# FUNDACIÓN GLOBAL NATURE (FGN)

**Fundación Global Nature (FGN).** Founded in 1993 to make a meaningful contribution towards the protection of nature and biodiversity by promoting sustainable conservation policies and strategies that create value for all sectors involved.

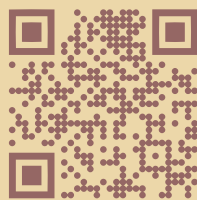
Its work is based on habitat and species conservation, sustainability of the agri-food sector, corporate sustainability and environmental education. Wetlands are one of the key objectives of this Spanish foundation with international reach.

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## FGN WEBSITE



[www.fundacionglobalnature.org](http://www.fundacionglobalnature.org)

**Experiences with FGN**  
in the **Tierra de Campos**  
**Wetlands (Palencia),**  
**Monfragüe (Cáceres) and**  
**the Prat de Cabanes-**  
**Torreblanca Nature**  
**Reserve (Castellón)**

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## FUNDACIÓN CBD-HÁBITAT (FCBD-HÁBITAT)

Since 1998, *Fundación CBD-Hábitat* (FCBD-HÁBITAT) has been dedicated to conserving biodiversity within and beyond our borders by working with endangered species such as the Iberian lynx, the Mediterranean monk seal, the imperial eagle and the black vulture, in projects that include research and the study of biodiversity in terms of its relationship with the natural, cultural and human environment.

They protect the environment and endangered species by leading global projects that involve social groups such as livestock farmers, fishermen or local populations. They also develop innovative technology and methods that allow them to exploit biodiversity in a sustainable way, while supporting its conservation with tools such as environmental education and awareness-raising.

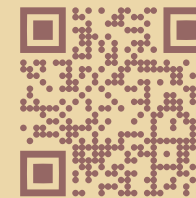


Experiences with FCBD-HÁBITAT in the Sierra de Andújar (Jaén) and Montes de Toledo (Toledo)

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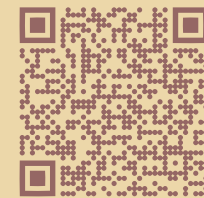
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FCBD-HÁBITAT WEBSITE



[www.cbd-habitat.com](http://www.cbd-habitat.com)

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# FUNDACIÓN ÁQUILA (FA)

**Fundación Águila (FA)** was set up in 2000 with the aim of promoting, organising, carrying out, managing and funding initiatives in the area of science and technology, research and direct action geared towards the conservation of eagles, human beings and the environment shared by both.

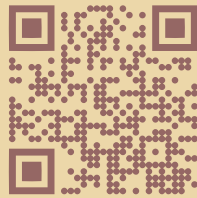
Its priorities include researching and promoting effective solutions to reduce the most pressing conservation problems faced by eagles, such as poisoning, disease and fertility problems; promoting environmental education and awareness; and creating projects that benefit people who live amongst eagles in rural settings, highlighting the uniqueness of these species, in favour of their social, economic and cultural development.

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## FA WEBSITE



[www.fundacionaguila.org](http://www.fundacionaguila.org)

Experiences with FA in  
La Campana de Oropesa  
(Toledo)

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## THE GREAT EECE ROUTE

DO YOU DARE TO TAKE THE GREAT ROUTE THAT COVERS  
ALL OF THE SCIENTIFIC ECOTOURISM EXPERIENCES IN SPAIN?

You can also get involved by following the Great Route of Scientific Ecotourism in Spain, the first great route of its kind in the world, where you can take part, learn, contribute and enjoy through these spectacular experiences.

The 6 conservation foundations involved in this project carry out their work throughout Spain, focusing mainly on 15 natural areas, spread over 10 Spanish provinces within 8 autonomous regions with various centres and farms where they carry out their projects. As a result of the Scientific Ecotourism Experiences created, it is possible to take an ecotourism trip following the Great EECE Route along the scientific ecotourism corridor. An ode to biodiversity.

### A GREAT JOURNEY? IN DIFFERENT STAGES?

This digital catalogue and the app allow you to make the most of the Great EECE Route, either as a single route or in stages. This is an exciting scientific ecotourism route through natural areas such as Picos de Europa (Asturias and Cantabria), Liébana (Cantabria), Ordesa and Monte Perdido (Huesca), Somiedo (Asturias), Monfragüe (Cáceres), Sierra de Andújar (Jaén), Montaña Oriental (Cantabria), Campo de Azaba (Salamanca), Prat de Cabanes (Castellón), the Tierra de Campos Wetlands (Palencia) and the plains of Oropesa, Lagartera and Calera y Chozas (Toledo).





## THE GREAT EECE ROUTE



### Experiences with the Bearded Vulture (FCQ)

- Ordesa y Monte Perdido Natural Park
- Picos de Europa Natural Park



### Experiences with the Brown Bear (FOP)

- Somiedo Natural Park
- Liébana Special Area of Conservation



### Experiences with the Spanish Imperial Eagle (F. Aquila)

- Llanuras de Oropesa, Lagartera and Calera y Chozas Special Protection Area
- Valle del Tiétar Special Area of Conservation



### Experiences with the Iberian Lynx (F. CBD-Hábitat)

- Sierra de Andújar Natural Park
- Andújar-Encinarejo and Despeñaperros-Guarrizas Special Area of Conservation
- Montes de Toledo Special Area of Conservation



### Experiences with the Cinereous Vulture, West Iberian pastures, and Pasiega and Oriental Mountain areas of Cantabria (F. Naturaleza y Hombre)

- Campo de Azaba Special Area of Conservation
- Montaña Oriental Special Area of Conservation

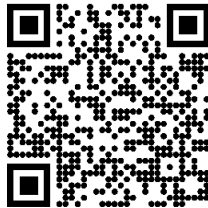


### Experiences of recovery of wetlands and pastures (F. Global Nature)

- Monfragüe Biosphere Reserve
- Humedales Tierra de Campos Special Protection Area
- Prat de Cabanes - Torreblanca Natural Park



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