

## **LPN - Liga para a Protecção da Natureza** (League for the Protection of Nature)



**Address:** Estrada do Calhariz de Benfica, 187, 1500-124 Lisboa, Portugal  
**Tel:** (+351-217780097); **Fax:** (+351-217783208)  
**e-mail:** lpn.natureza@mail.telepac.pt

LPN is a Portuguese non-profitable NGO founded in 1948.

The main aim of LPN is to contribute to the conservation of the natural heritage and of the diversity of species and ecosystems.

The main activities are: Environmental Education, Environmental Policy and conservation-linked Projects.

LPN has contributed decisively to the creation of many of the existing Protected Areas in Portugal.

Many Projects have been developed in fields such as: Agriculture Policy, Pollution, Hunting, Biodiversity, Coastal Management, Impacts of Structural Projects, etc.

LPN not only has a qualified staff on Environmental issues but also maintains permanent contact with Portuguese universities ensuring technical support for specific matters.

LPN plays an important role on environmental education and public awareness, publishing teaching material, sending environmental information to schools and suggesting activities to students and teachers. Every year, LPN provides support to the thousand of requests from schools. A Course on Updating and Training on Ecology and Nature Conservation is carried out every year in different regions, which is mainly attended by teachers, guards from protected areas and staff from municipalities. LPN also organises visits to natural areas. LPN organises and participates in national and international conferences, debates and exhibitions.

LPN plays an important role on the use of Court for environmental issues, at national and European level, which was very seldom in Portugal and has contributed to improve the enforcement of environmental Legislation.

Projects have been co-financed by international NGOs, such as WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature), RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and TRAFFIC (Trade Records Analysis of Flora and Fauna in Commerce) and by the European Commission.

Presently the main Project is "The conservation of the steppic birds in Castro Verde", following a project which was co-financed by DGXI (IMECUs) and took place from 1993 to 1999; LPN is now the owner of 5 Biological Reserves (about 1700 ha).

The number of members of LPN is around 7500.

There are 3 regional delegations: LPN-Centro, LPN-Alentejo and LPN- Algarve.

LPN is member of EEB (European Environmental Bureau), IUCN - The World Conservation Union, MIO-ECSDE (Mediterranean Information Office for Environmental Culture and Sustainable Development), CIDN (Iberian Bureau for the Defence of Nature), SAR (Seas at Risk), EUCC (European Union for Coastal Conservation) and of the national Portuguese Commission of UNESCO. LPN is also the National Agency of the Naturopa Centre of the Council of Europe.

## Activities of LPN

