

The Great Mountain Ecological Corridor

Cantabric- Pyrenees –Alps & Western Iberia

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The World Conservation Union

World Parks Congress Durban 2003:
Sentinel Peak summit



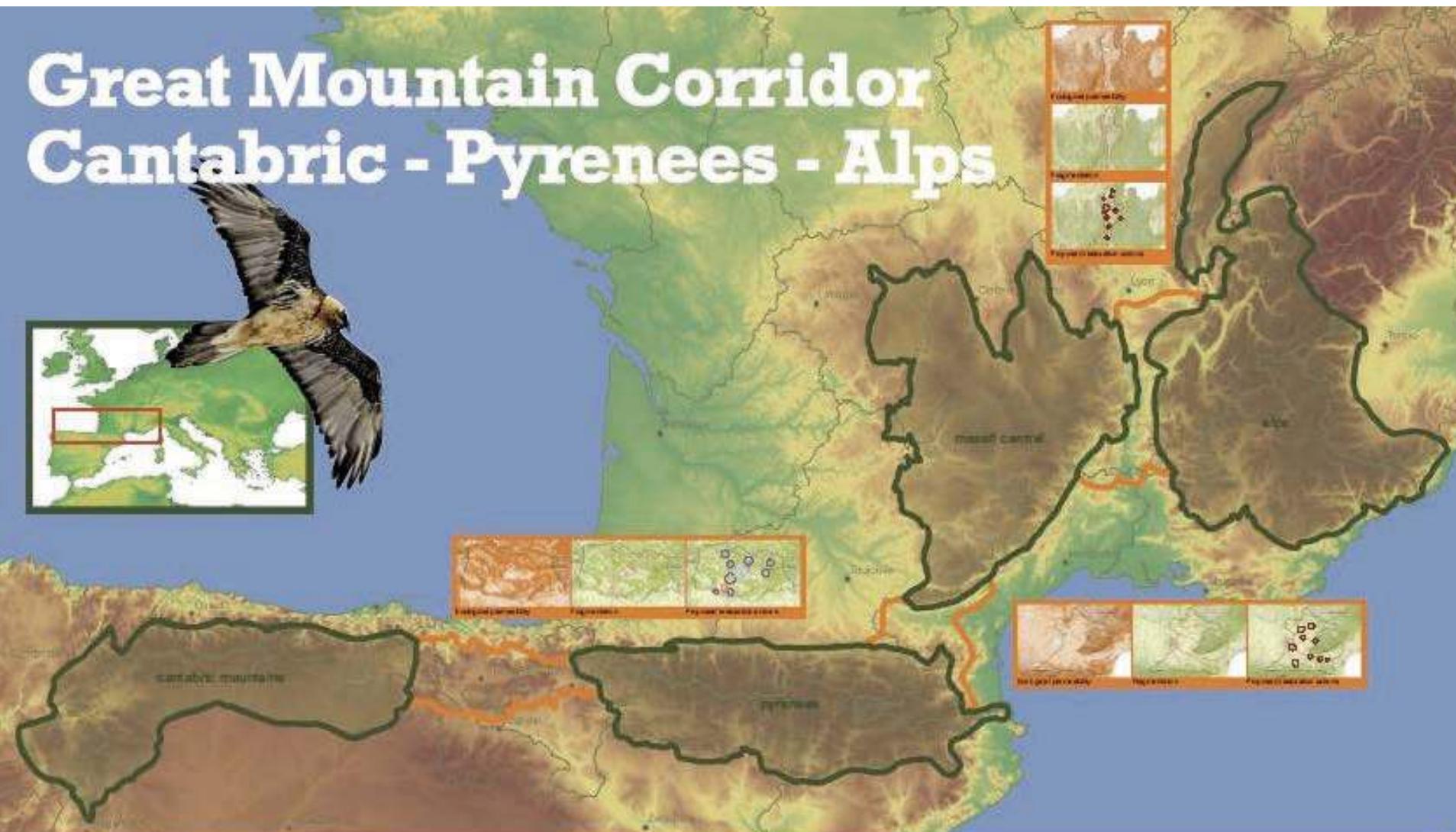
2004: Corridors Workshop in Banff & Canadian Rockies



2005: International Mountain Corridors Conference in the Pyrenees

A visionary project, started in 2003...

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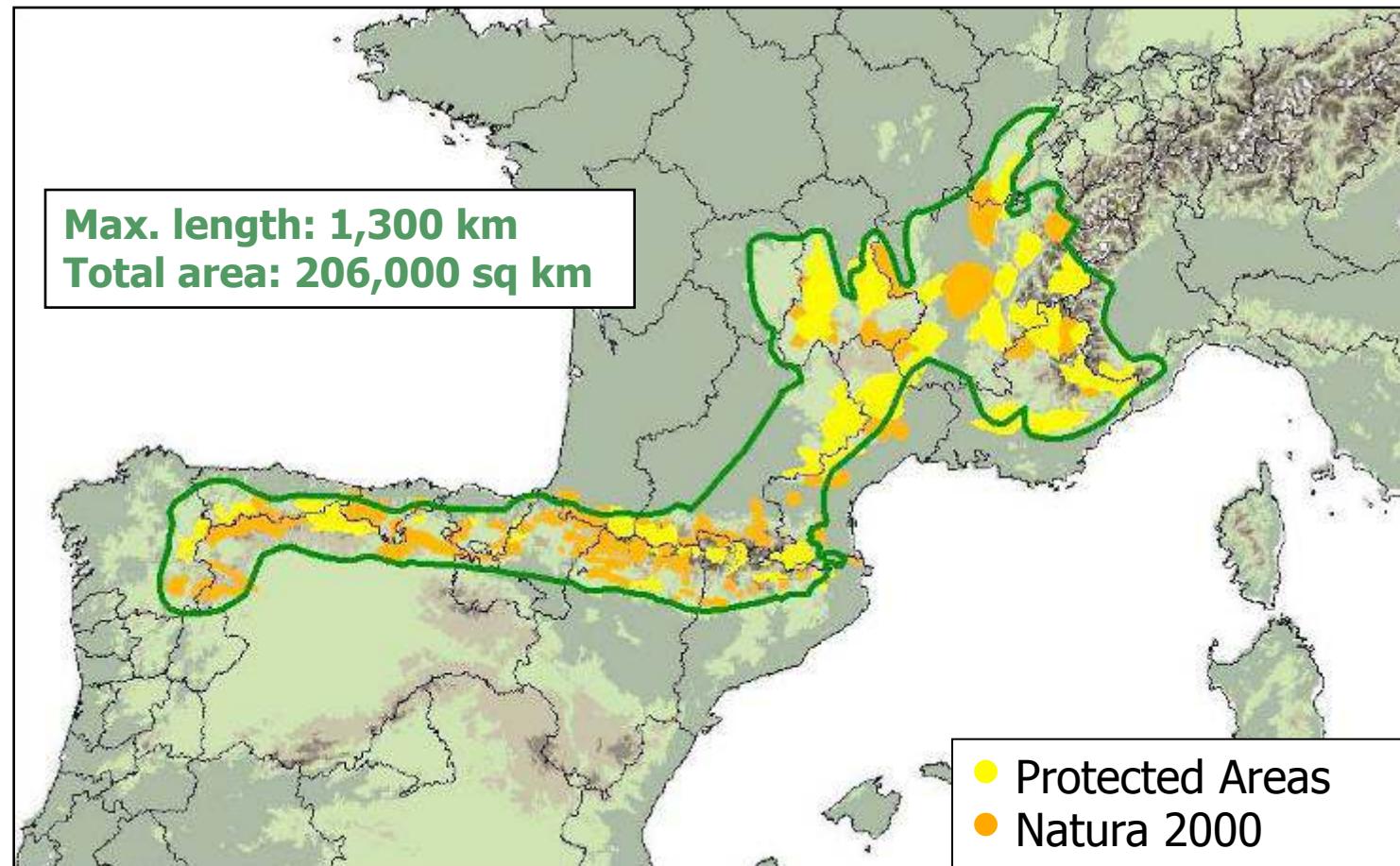


greater mountain corridors. *conservation - pyrenees - m. canari - alps*
The broad geographical scope of the seminar, presented at the International Conference on Corridors, held in October 2000, was reflected later using the Iberian-Mediterranean COOP, devoted specifically to the assessment of biogeographical integrity. It involved J. M. Aguirre, R. Gómez, P. H. S. Llorente, C. A. Muñoz, and J. M. Sepulveda, who proposed a model approach to COOP and used the Iberian-Mediterranean case as an example. The proposed approach aims to determine



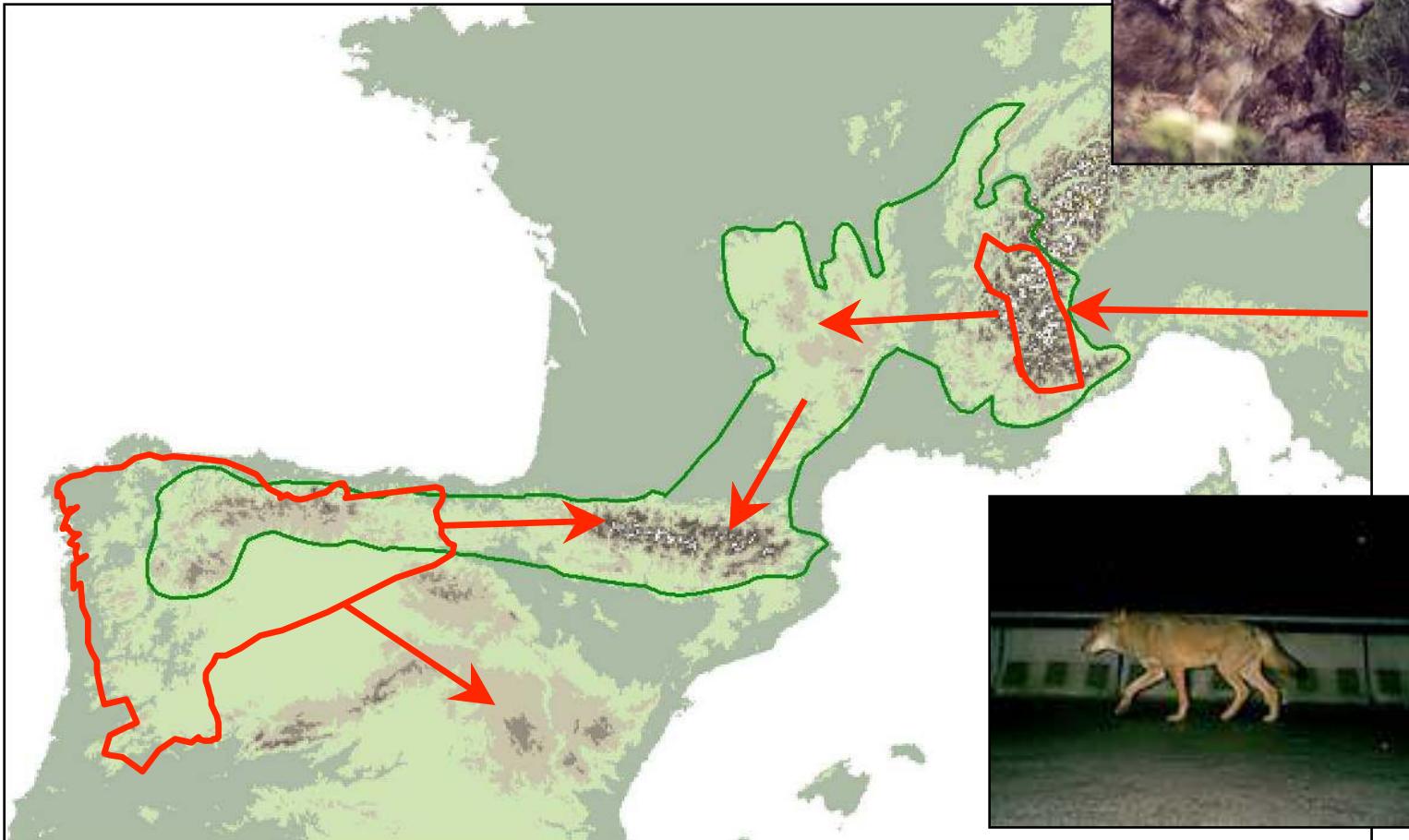
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- Protected areas already cover about 24% of the scope of the project
- Natura 2000 will increase PA coverage until 38%

WOLF EXPANSION SINCE 1990



Natural Re-colonisation of Massif Central & Pyrenees (2004)

Black Vulture Reintroduction in the Pyrenees



“Corredores para el oso” - Connecting the Bear populations in the Cantabrian Mountains

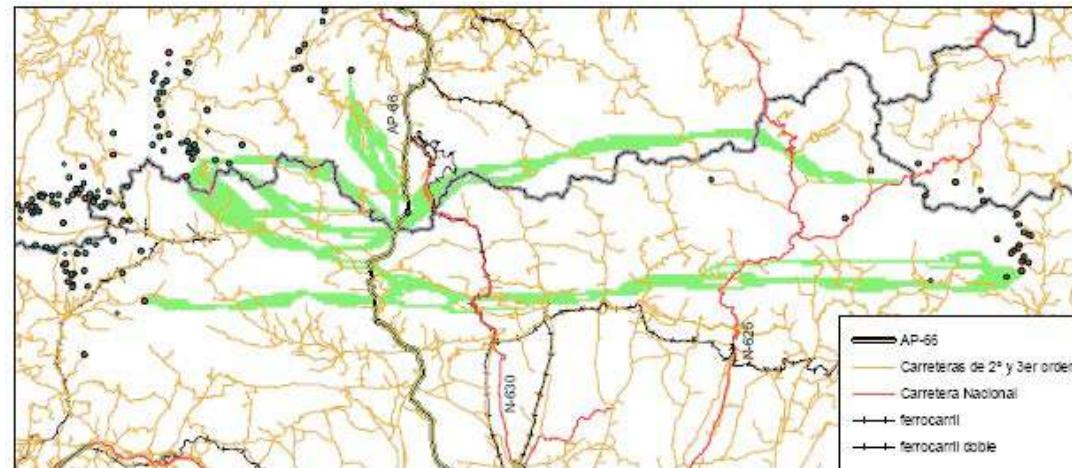


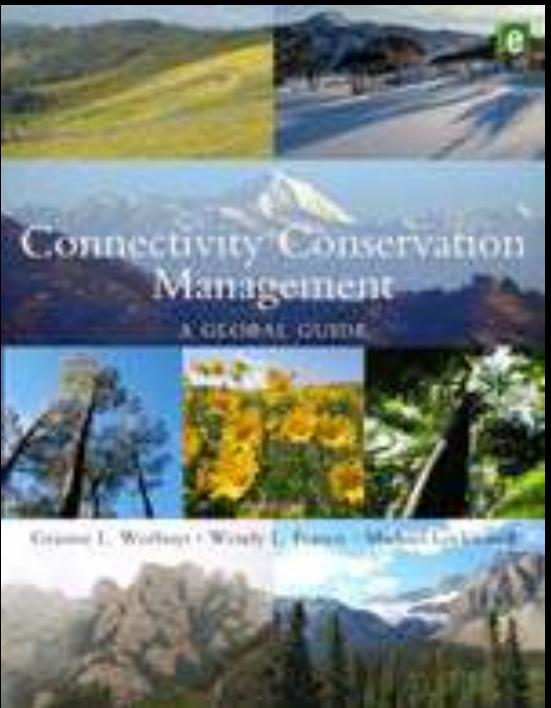
Figura 21. Vías de comunicación en el área del corredor. Se resaltan la autopista del Huerna, AP-66, la vía de tren Gijón-León y las carreteras nacionales N-620 y N-630.

- Improve corridors between the 2 subpopulations
- 3 years project (2009-2011)
- € 1.1 million

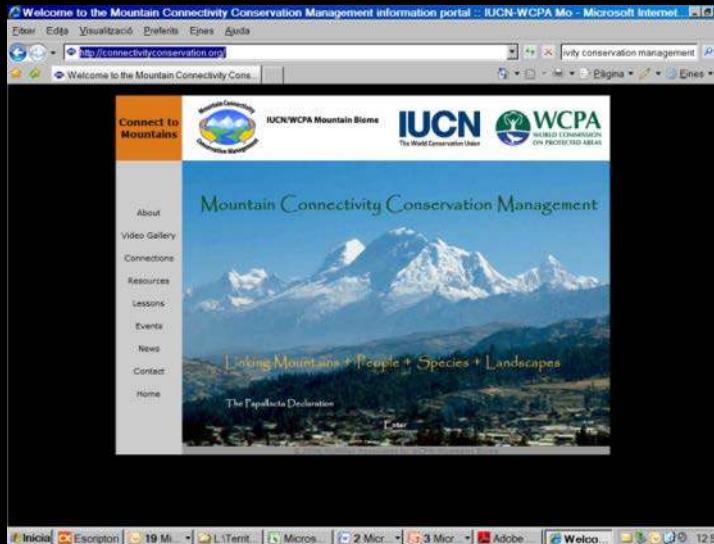




IUCN/WCPA Mountain Biome



Handbook on
Connectivity
Conservation (2010)



Working Group on Large Mountain
Corridors & connectivity:
<http://connectivityconservation.org/>



IUCN
World
Conservation
Congress
Barcelona 2008



IUCN Resolution approval (2008)

“To promote the Great Mountain
Connector Cantabric- Pyrenees-
Massif central – Alps”

4.061 Gran Conector Ecológico:

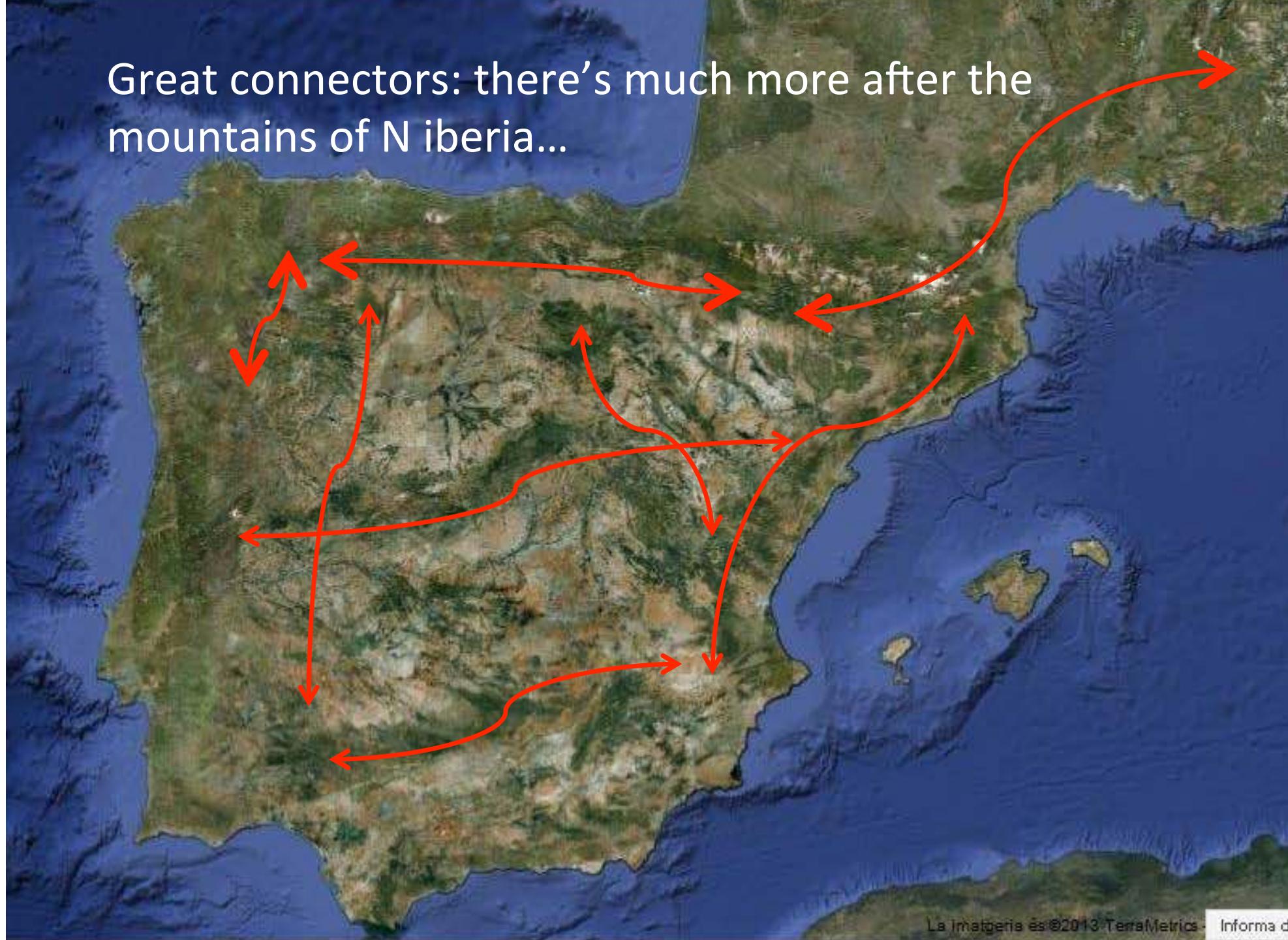
Cordillera Cantábrica - Pirineos - Macizo Central - Alpes Occidentales

CONSIDERANDO los extraordinarios valores naturales y culturales que atesoran los macizos montañosos del Cantábrico, Pirineos, Macizo Central y Alpes Occidentales y sus zonas de transición, que constituyen en su conjunto el más amplio número de ecosistemas naturales de Europa sudoccidental y una de sus principales zonas de biodiversidad;

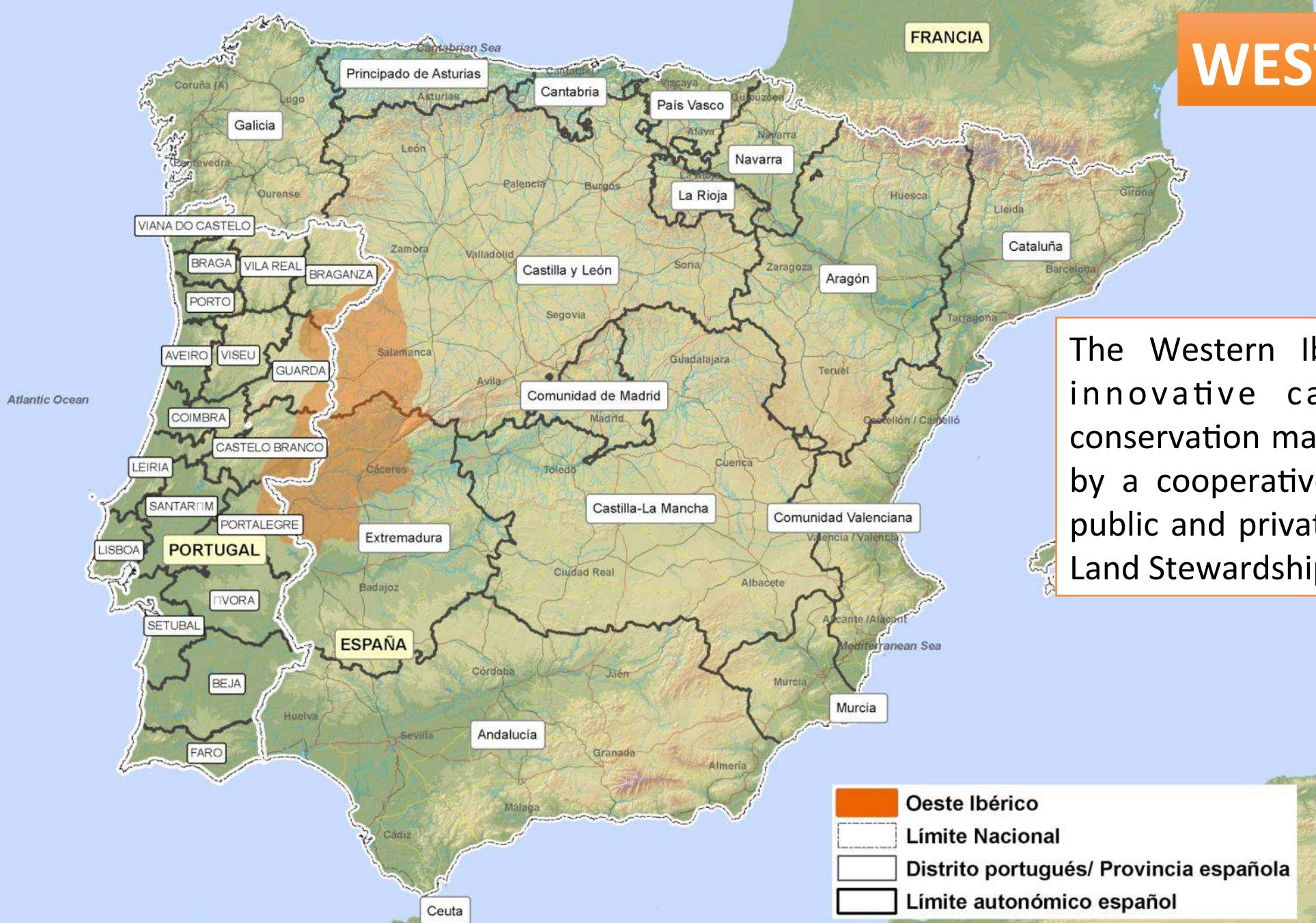
RECONOCIENDO que dichas montañas son las captadoras de agua de la mayoría de los ríos de Europa sudoccidental y que abastecen a las personas y a innumerables especies de la



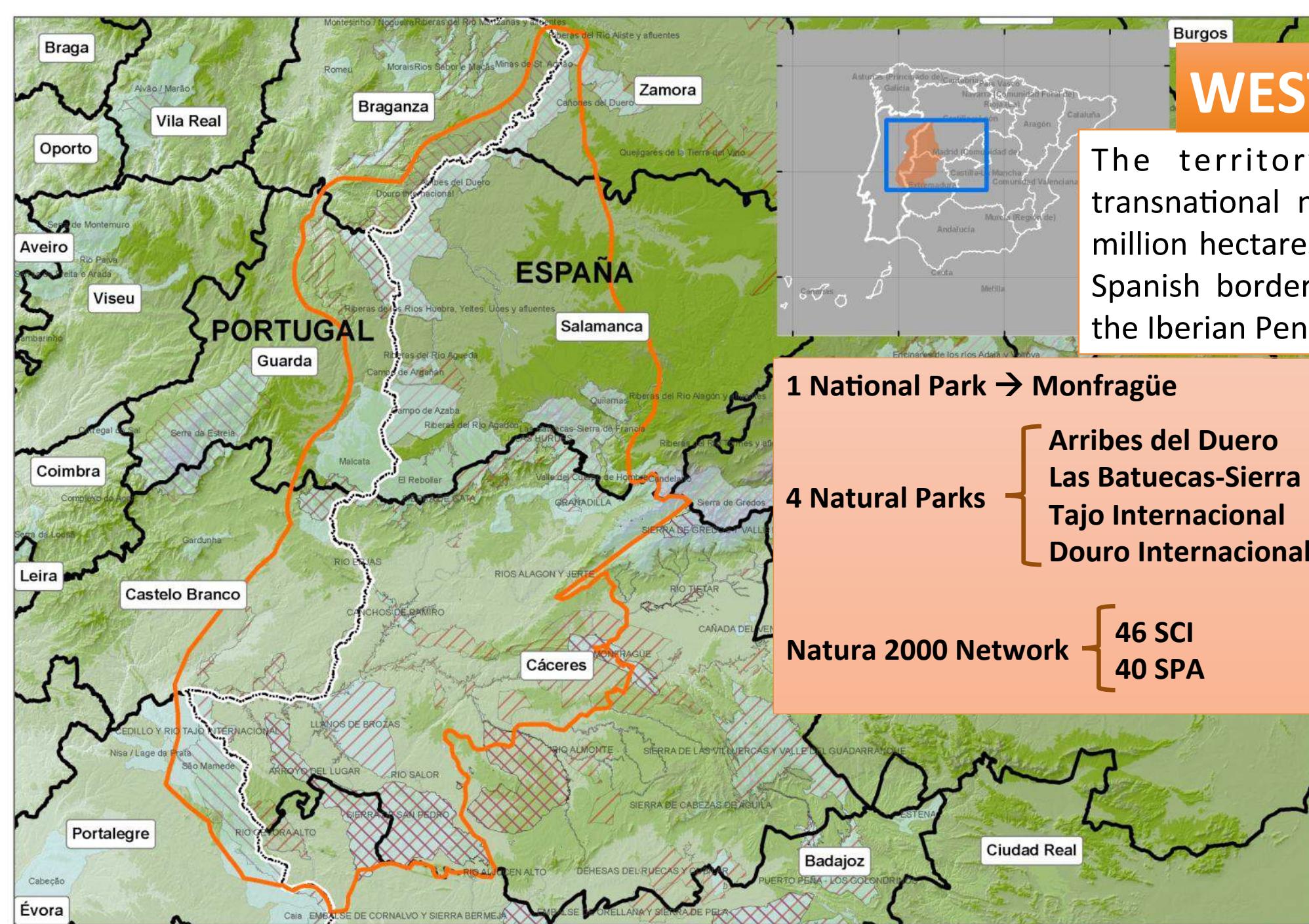
Great connectors: there's much more after the mountains of N iberia...



WESTERN IBERIA



The Western Iberian Project is an innovative case to territorial conservation management carried out by a cooperative network of several public and private organizations using Land Stewardship agreements.



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The territory corresponds to a transnational natural area of over 2.5 million hectares linking the Portuguese-Spanish border in the Central West of the Iberian Peninsula

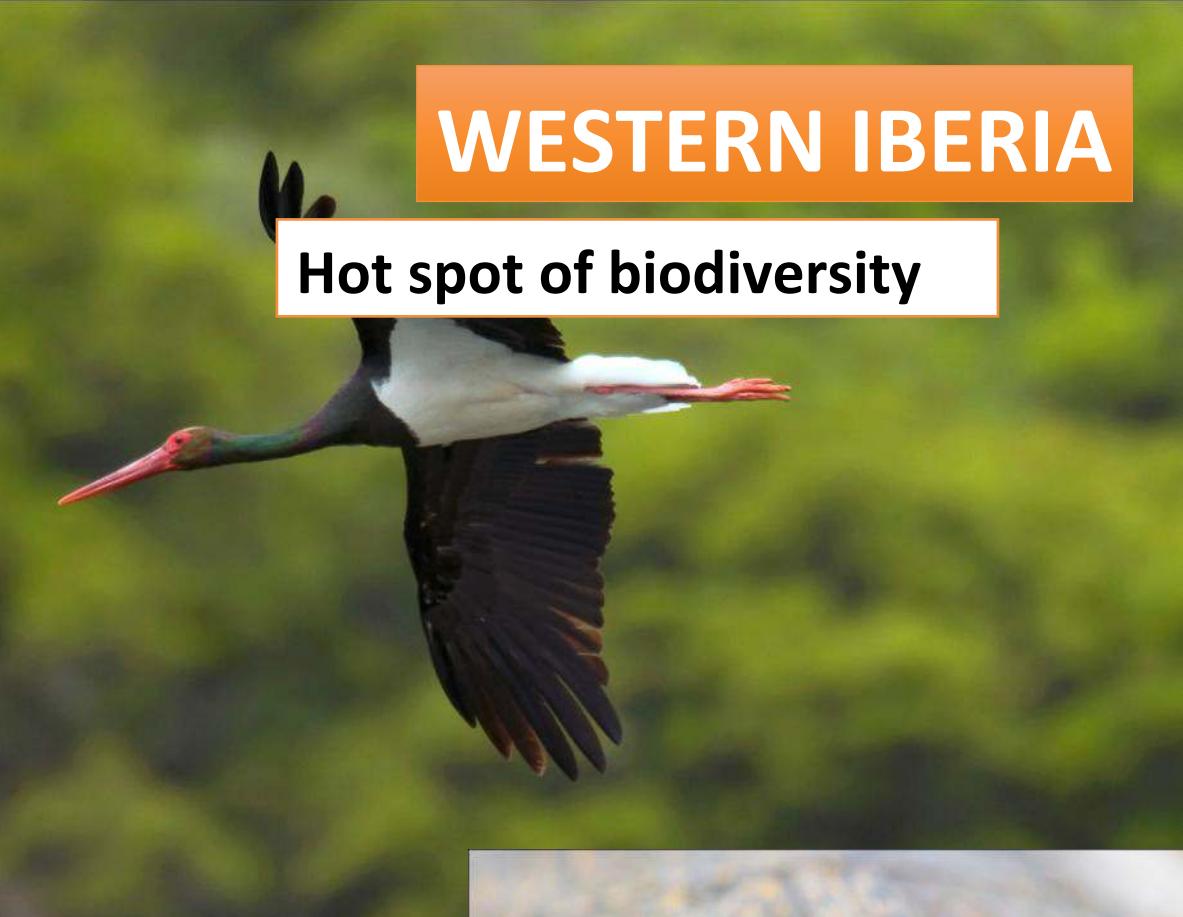
1 National Park → Monfragüe

4 Natural Parks

Arribes del Duero
Las Batuecas-Sierra de Francia
Tajo Internacional
Douro Internacional

Natura 2000 Network

46 SCI
40 SPA



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Rec. 4.131 "Conservation of the Western Iberian Peninsula"



Rec. 149 " Transboundary ecological corridors in the Western Iberian Peninsula"

The area represents one of best example of Mediterranean agroecosystem of the Peninsula

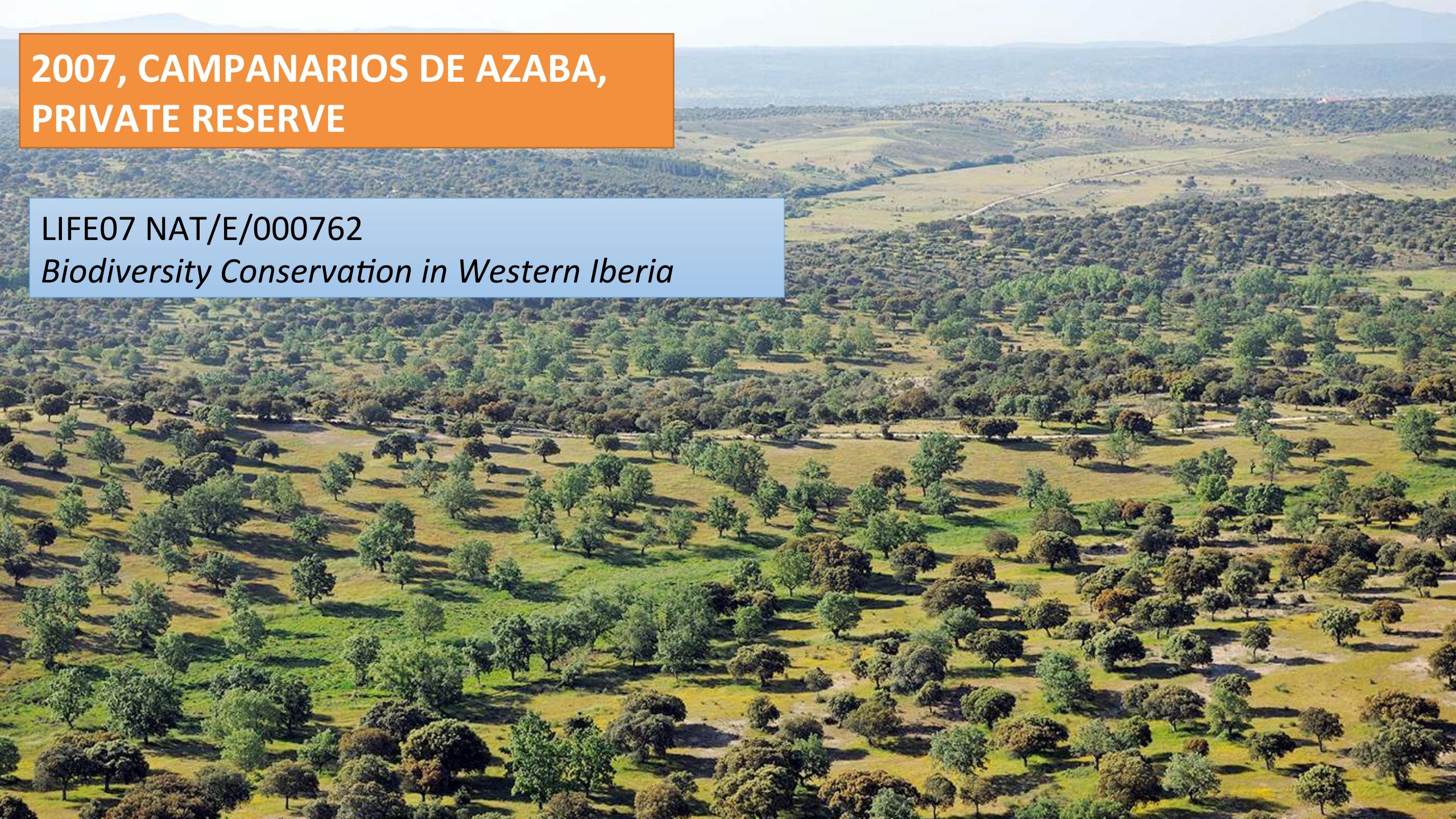
2003, RISCOS DEL ÁGUEDA



2007, CAMPANARIOS DE AZABA, PRIVATE RESERVE

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Biodiversity Conservation in Western Iberia



CAMPANARIOS DE AZABA

CONSERVATION

ECOTURISM



FAIA BRAVA



Staffan Widstrand/ WILD WONDER OF EUROPE



BIOLOGIC RESERVE SIERRA DE GATA

PRIVATE RESERVES



FAUNA AND FLORA REFUGE LA PAREJA

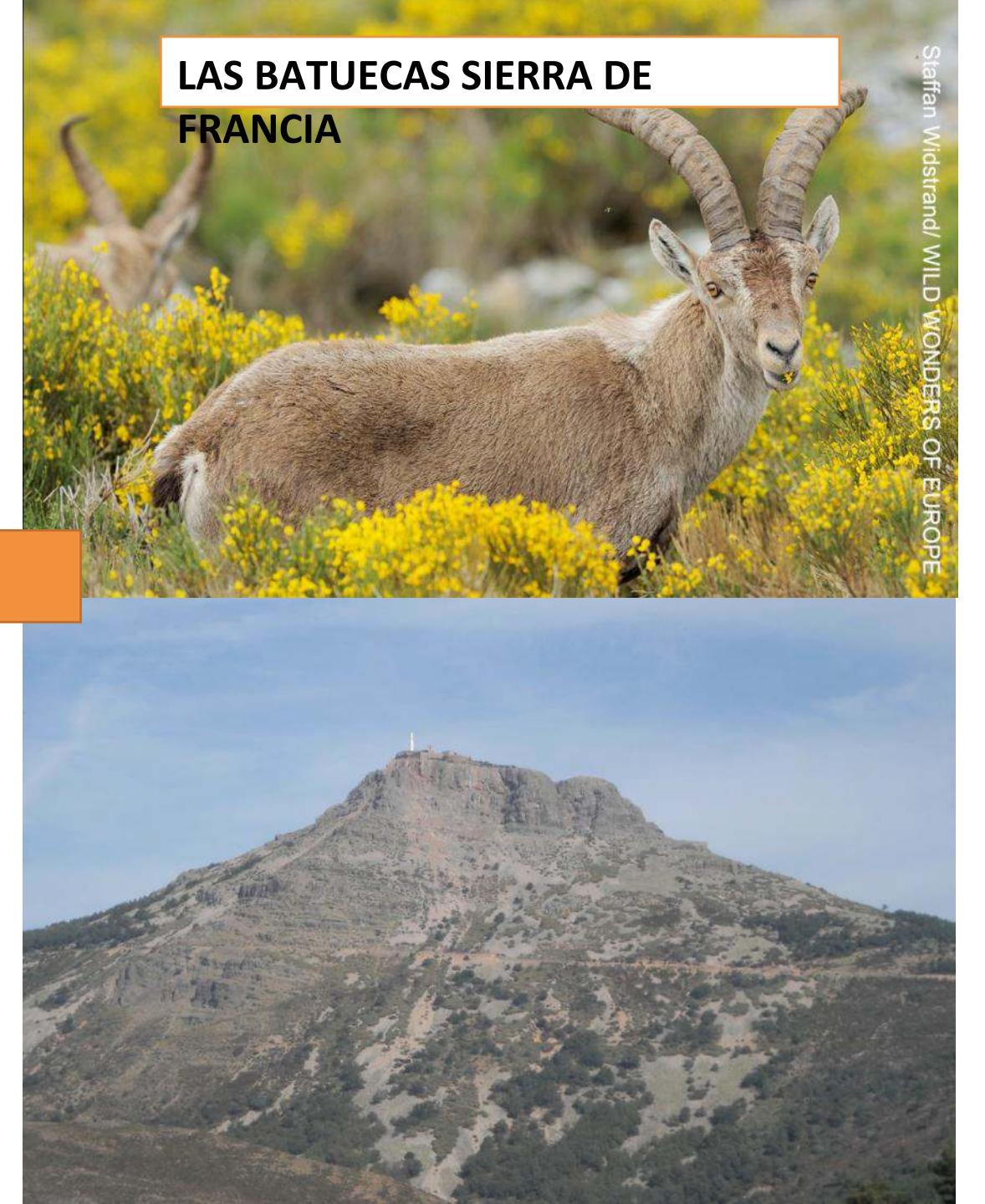


RISCOS DEL ÁGUEDA



ARRIBES DEL DUERO

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LAS BATUECAS SIERRA DE
FRANCIA

TAJO INTERNACIONAL



MONFRAGÜE

National Park



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