

Social Mediation to Address the Human-Wolf Conflict

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Initial situation

- The human-Wolf conflict has been progressively escalating in Spain.
- The disappearance of the wolf in La Rioja led to changes in livestock management models that were incompatible with the reappearance of the species.
- In September 2021, the Iberian wolf was included in the List of Species under Special Protection Regime with the support of the government of La Rioja.
- There is social and political tension, a very complex and conflictive initial situation.




The methodology applied




- Initial diagnosis: Who, how, escalation of the conflict, interests, actions...
- Identification and mapping of the main stakeholders involved in the conflict.
- Analysis of the social perception of the conflict.
- Design of the mediation process through a social roundtable and an inter-administrative roundtable.
- Selection of participants in the roundtables.
- Start of the mediation process.




Start of the mediation process: The social roundtable

- Stakeholders from the livestock, conservation and technical sectors.
 - Rules of the game:
 - Respect.
 - Consensus.
 - Mediation.
 - Documentation of agreements.
 - The agreements have a binding character.
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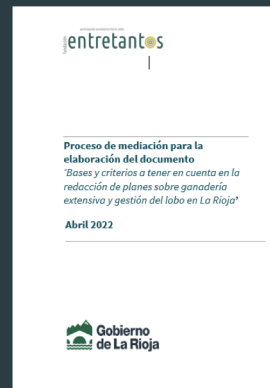
Start of the mediation process: The inter-administrative roundtable

- Representatives from different areas of the administration of La Rioja.
 - Commitment of the administration: To try to ensure that the agreements reached at the social roundtable are carried out as long as they are economically and technically feasible.
 - Review the progress of the social roundtable and give feedback on the agreements reached.
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First results




- Document of Basis and Criteria for the Management of Coexistence between the Wolf and Extensive Livestock Farming in La Rioja.
- Public presentation of the agreements.



Continuing the process: The participation phase

- Representatives of both roundtables start to work together in a participation process.
- A draft of a Management Plan for Coexistence between the Wolf and Extensive Livestock Farming in La Rioja is developed on the basis of the Basis and Criteria document.
- All the process culminated in the approval by the regional government of a Management Plan for the Coexistence of the Wolf with Extensive Livestock Farming in 2023. A Plan that includes the agreements reached at the social roundtable.

El Gobierno de La Rioja aprueba el Plan de Gestión del lobo y un Protocolo para la extracción de ejemplares para garantizar su coexistencia con la ganadería extensiva

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What conclusions can we draw from this process?



- Socio-environmental conflicts do not have a simple solution, but with the right methodology it is possible to bring positions closer together.
- Social mediation and participation are fundamental tools for the management of territorial conflicts.
- The involvement of public administrations is necessary to generate significant changes in the territory.

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