

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 81 (2000) of the Standing Committee on the implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of *Margaritifera auricularia*

(adopted by the Standing Committee on 1 December 2000)

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under Article 14 of the convention;

Having regard to the aims of the convention, which are to conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats;

Recalling that Article 1, paragraph 2, of the convention requires Parties to give particular emphasis to the conservation of endangered and vulnerable species;

Noting that all the few remaining population of *Margaritifera auricularia* are critically endangered;

Desirous to avoid a further loss of biological diversity in Europe;

Aware that the design and implementation of recovery plans may be a useful tool to redress the situation of *Margaritifera auricularia*;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 22 (1991) on the conservation of the pearl mussel (*Margaritifera margaritifera*) and other freshwater mussels (*Unionoidea*);

Recalling its Recommendation No. 35 (1992) on the conservation of some species of invertebrates listed in Appendix II of the convention which asked France to carry out a national survey of the species and Spain to take appropriate measures to protect the last remaining populations of the species;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 50 (1996) on the conservation of *Margaritifera auricularia* which asked Spain to establish, as a matter of urgency, recovery plans for the species;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 51 (1996) on action plans for invertebrate species in the appendices of the convention, which asked to consider the implementation of action plans for *Margaritifera auricularia*;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 52 (1996) on habitat conservation for invertebrate species;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 59 (1997) on the drafting and implementation of action plans for wild fauna species;

Referring to the report containing suggested actions for the *Margaritifera auricularia* in Europe, compiled by Dr Araujo and Dr Ramos (document T-PVS (2000) 9 revised);

Desirous to take prompt action for the conservation of European threatened freshwater molluscs and in particular of *Margaritifera auricularia*,

Recommends that France and Spain:

1. carry out as a matter of urgency national actions plans for *Margaritifera auricularia*; take note, in that context, of the above-mentioned action plan; follow, in that context as far as possible, the suggestions contained in Recommendation No. 59 on the drafting and implementation of action plans for wild fauna species;
2. set up a joint bilateral project to implement national action plans and ensure exchange of experiences and scientific information on the species;
3. ensure that the species receives appropriate conservation attention by international instruments and funding schemes.