To the President of the Xunta de Galicia

O Courel is the territory of greater biodiversity and geodiversity of Galicia; in 1989 it was declared Natural Space for its natural and cultural values, and it is included in the Red Natura 2000. However, this was not enough to avoid the great environmental destruction produced by the exploitation of slates and limestones that is being carried out in the whole Region with production of irreparable damages for the inhabitants, environment (fluvial and mountain ecosystems, fauna, flora, gea) and cultural elements.
Thus, the undersigned,

Request:

1.)- That O Courel be declared **Natural Park** immediately including within it, as minimum, **all** the basins of the Lor-Louzara, Selmo, Soldón and Ferreiriño Rivers; and to free the territory formed by them from all the incompatible impacts like **quarries, eolian parks, power stations, …**

2.)- To return the surface of the Lor Basin, which was disaffected in 2004 and divided the territory in two, obstructing its function as biological corridor that joins the Ancares and the Sil Canyon, two Zones of Special Protection of Birds (ZEPA), within the Red Natura, to the Red Natura.

3.)- To provide the Natural Park of O Courel with an adequate budget for the provision of public services to its inhabitants; for the total recovery of the natural and traditional landscape; for the recovery of all its ethnographic, architectonic and, in general, cultural elements; and for the elaboration of a Plan of Sustainable Development.

4.)- To take the necessary measures so that **the inhabitants** may imply in the management of the Natural Park and be the direct beneficiaries of the creation of necessary employment related to it.

O Courel, spring of 2007

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