

threatened or vulnerable species is no less deleterious when carried out with the Ministry's approval. Financial compensation is not enough to mitigate the impact of biodiversity loss, particularly for sensitive species and in northern environments. At present, this compensation does not really make it possible to recreate environments that are equivalent in quality and quantity to natural environments. The Minister's authorization power should be limited to specific activities required for public safety or in emergencies and should not open the door to activities that could result in the destruction of sensitive species and their habitats for economic development. In all cases, adequate consultation processes must be planned for.

Comments on the proposed amendments to the LCPN

We support the amendments aimed at clarifying which activities are prohibited in natural environments designated by a plan, and the identification of these prohibited activities should be specific to each natural environment protected by a plan. However, we are concerned about the risk that activities deemed prohibited may be carried out with authorization. In the document provided for consultation, it is mentioned that "the Minister must, before authorizing an activity carried out in a natural environment protected by a plan, take into consideration the fact that such environments should in principle be maintained in their natural state". We believe that this sentence should not be conditional, and that authorizations issued by the Minister should at all times ensure that environments are maintained in their natural state, rather than include a provision for compensation through the implementation of other measures to conserve, restore or create such environments.

Comments on the proposed amendments to the LCMVF

We have no comments on the proposed amendments to this law.

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