

Workshop 3

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PLANT MICRO-RESERVE NETWORK AS A TOOL FOR CONSERVATION CRYPTOGAMIC FLORA

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The Valencian Plant micro-reserve is an official designation to protect plant species and their habitats (Decree 218/1994, by Valencian Community's Council of Government). The concept of micro-reserve is built with the goal of creating a whole network of small areas to contain populations of all rare, endemic or threatened plant, wild plant communities and useful areas for plant conservation. This conservation program has tended to magnify the importance of vascular plants and their habitats; however, a significant number of these protected sites are important as a refuge for rare, vulnerable or endangered species of bryophytes, fungi and lichens. In 1998, the elaboration of the program of conservation of terrestrial and fresh water cryptogams of Valencian Community allowed to propose several areas as micro-reserves of cryptogamic flora by their special interest and diversity in these taxonomic groups. In this work, the state of knowledge and official protection of these proposed areas is analysed.