

Workshop 5

MULTIPURPOSEL ACTIVITIES OF NGOs FOR PLANT CONSERVATION IN SPAIN: AN EXAMPLE FROM THE VALENCIAN COMMUNITY (SPAIN)

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During the last years, a small number of spanish NGOs have carried out active plant conservation actions, such as land acquisition, plant management or population reinforcements, etc. In the Valencian Community (Spain), the plant micro-reserves (PMRs) programme has increased the chances of fund raising for NGOs and has fostered their protagonism in nature conservation. The Fundación Enrique Montoliu, created in 1995, purchases and manages new nature reserves – i.e. ‘Mas del Peraire’, 200 ha of a hunting reserve, holding 3 PMRs- and raises public awareness through the creation and management of rock gardens of endemic and threatened species –i.e. gardens of ‘L’Albarda’ in Pedreguer (Alicante)-. The management of ‘Mas del Peraire’ includes the experimental reinforcement of populations of rare or threatened species, such as the endemics *Thymus willkommii* and *Antirrhinum pertegasii*.