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The massive public use of peri-urban natural areas.
Its impact on fragile ecosystems: the great challenge for conservation today.
Strategies, actions and restrictions to mitigate the impacts of the users.



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The current challenge for peri-urban parks is to minimize the impact on ecosystems caused by the increasing number of users.

Most periurban parks have remarkable ecosystems (mature forests, riverside forests, dunes, meadows, wetlands, etc.) which have led to their protection.

Many of these ecosystems are fragile and host species which are sensitive - especially at certain times of the year- to the overuse and misuse of the parks (trial bikes, night racing, etc.).

Peri-urban natural areas have the **dual objective of meeting the needs of outdoor recreation of the urban population as well as the protection of nature** as an essential ecosystem services provider in a metropolitan environment.

This goal is not an easy task especially today with the increase of users, due to the economic crisis and new recreation trends.

During this conference, managers and technicians will have the opportunity to exchange experiences and learn, from other colleagues, strategies, constraints and actions used in mitigating and neutralizing the impact of users, which challenge the present and the future of our parks.

We ask those interested in sharing their experience with us to send an abstract to **teresa.pastor@fedenatur.org** by **April 18 2016**.

