

REUNION BIODIVERSIDAD EGA SEPTIEMBRE 2011

Last 20th September, this department assisted and contributed on biodiversity matter on Brussels. I will explain what follows the meeting.

First of all, we listened a biodiversity conference, that Word that everybody talks but a few know what it means. What is Biodiversity?

Biodiversity is a movement that preserves the different pieces that develops on different environment. Why we need to advertise biodiversity?

Create an environment. Due to these species have a genetic value to preserve genetic manipulation

To protect on extinction species

Purifying air pollution and contamination

To preserve climatic change

Develop different ways of getting feasible raw material

Promote sustainable

The EU has been protecting and promoting biodiversity on two different ways

- Legislation
- Protected Areas such as national parks....

EU admits that they are not doing a good job, due to legislation and financial matters that protect, but management of all is very difficult and that is why is not working well

The strategy followed since 2006 did not work so in 2010 at Nagoya they got to the conclusion that the strategy should change. They are going to try to create a platform like this one, where all the parties involved should share their experiences and frightens and get responsibility and make a real guideline. The objective is to recover a 15 % of biodiversity for 2020.

What can the EU do with this initiative to get more biodiversity?

- Educate to change the rules that have been used, on the territory management and the laws
- Search of promoters to finance all these in order to make it feasible.



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- The key point is that everybody stays the same with the same thinking. And can go all together in the same direction.

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The sectors that we need to get involve are:

Agriculture, we could reach a 10% of recuperation

Tourism, develop sustainable tourism, where we can reach the environmental media value...such as, narrower prices. For example, in Tarifa the fishing have been change to show cetacean to the tourist people.

Try to help as much as possible to those ones that make sustainable maintenance.

At that moment I tell everybody that the sector of golf is supporting everything that has been talked on several points:

- Educate for the construction and for future maintenance from Sostenibility point of view of the R&A.
- Promote and Support certification such as: GEO, ISO, AUDOBON, UNE..
- Promote biodiversity projects, like Biogolf on the Madrid Autonomous region

Everybody attended, were surprised because they didn't know what we are doing for biodiversity, I am for sure that from all the different attendees we are the ones that we do the most for biodiversity

Afterwards, they invite me to join a group work, related with tourism, where I presented the exposure of Steve Isaac at the Parliament.

On this group work we debated several things and I follow are exposure:

1. Which of these targets do you believe is/are more relevant to your sector of activity?
Please explain why our target are:
 - Education to build and maintain golf course through sustainability (R&A)
 - Support different certification norm; GEO, ISO mainly.
 - Support biogolf; pilot project in Madrid to increase biodiversity on golf course.
2. To which targets do you believe you can contribute with biodiversity-friendly practices in your area of economic activity? How do you think your activities would contribute to achieve the biodiversity objectives set?
 - All of them but especially in the certification because you give a better quality of service for the client.
 - Because you going to have native species mainly.



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3. Which target or aspects of the strategy do you think would require a bigger effort from your sector to comply with? Please explain.

- Education, we believe that we have to change the point of view of people who think that we waste water, pesticides and fertilizer.

4. How do you like the B@B Platform to assist and support your company and your sector in implementing the Biodiversity Strategy?

- Funding and marketing mainly

At the end, we got to all these conclusions

1. Is good that the EU knows about bad habits that are being done.
2. Is also good that the EU organize all these round tables that afterwards should work with.
3. From my point of view we should Support the Biogolf project, due to the compromise with all the objectives of the trade:
 - Fully implement the bird and habitats directives.
 - Maintain and restore ecosystems and their services.
 - Increase the contribution of agriculture and forestry to maintain and enhancing biodiversity.
 - Ensure the sustainable use of fisheries resources (maybe it does not commit)
 - Combat invasive alien species
 - Help avert global biodiversity loss