Biosphere Reserve CollinaPo

The name "CollinaPo" describes the charateristics of the territory and the relationships among them, a large urban area, the metropolitan city of Turin, the hill "Collina Torinese" with its woods around the city of Turin, the Po river that runs across the plain studded with nature reserves.

The Autorities involved: 86 Municipalities 2 Protected areas Autorities

The territory protected: 14 Parks and protected areas 25 "Natura 2000" nature protection areas





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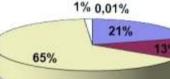
Protected fauna and flora species: 256

Surface:

- 1.712 Km2 total area (2% Core Area, 12% Buffer Zone, 86% Transition Area) - 1.500.000 inhabitants

Main land use:

- Artificial areas 21%
- Wooded areas 13%
- Agricoltural areas 65%
- Rivers1%
- Wetlands 0,01%



Local food:

- 1 local product (fish) DOP -Denominazione di Origine Protetta literally "Protected Designation of Origin"

- 16 wines DOC - Denominazione di origine controllata, literally "Controlled Designation of Origin"

- 58 agri-food products PAT - Prodotti Agroalimentari Tradizionali, literally "Traditional foodstuffs"

- 5 Slow Food Presidium

Biosphere Reserve, WHY?

Because it serves the protection of the natural beauties and the cultural heritages, not to make them immutable and inaccessible, but lived actively by man.

Biophere, WHY?

«Biosphere» is synonymous with living territories, in which man has always interacted with the environment on a daily basis.





CollinaPo and the network of the Po river biosphere reserves



The biosphere reserves have three aims

Conservation: they contribute to the conservation of the landscapes and the ecosystem, the conservation of the species and the genetic variation. Development: they incentive and promote the sustainable development of the local population and its activities.

Logistic support:

they provide support for demonstration, educational, training and research and monitoring projects on conservation and sustainable development issues.



