

Carbon Strategy in the French Regional Natural Parks

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Project description

Since March 2020, the French Federation of Natural Parks is working on a carbon strategy that will be spread throughout its national network of parks in the following years.

The main goal is to help the 54 parks to achieve carbon neutrality.

In order to achieve this goal, the following actions are necessary:

- We are gathering information from experts, associations, local authorities, nature park employees and so on in order to develop a collection of knowledge and experience on carbon strategies, which will be available online for the parks.
- We sent a survey to every park to collect different actions that are already implemented and which are directly or indirectly contributing to reducing or absorbing carbon. Our aim is to create a collection of experiences available for all the parks.
- Thanks to different partners, we will help the parks to obtain insights in carbon data. We will also provide more detailed carbon data of our network at the national level.
- We will help the parks to get the means to be paid by funders for their carbon actions.
- This work will be presented at an event that will occur in December 2020 and which will assemble parks employees, partners, local authorities and so on.



*Bogs in the Haut-Jura Regional Nature Park
(picture: Haut-Jura Regional Nature Park)*

Resume

Most of the parks implement a carbon strategy voluntarily.

We concluded from the feedbacks that a lot of their actions are already helping in reducing or absorbing carbon emissions, even if it is not their main goal. We would like to highlight them as “carbon actions“, which can be to be used as an example for other parks that are searching for ways to reduce their carbon emissions.

One of the main difficulties mentioned by the parks is that it is sometimes difficult to judge whether their action has a real impact on their greenhouse gas emissions. That’s why we will present them one of the tools developed by ADEME (quanti GES) that can evaluate the impact of each action.

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Outlook

At the same time, the Federation is also working on an adaptation strategy. The two strategies will be presented during the event scheduled for December 2020.

As the two strategies are sharing a lot of common features, we plan to combine them for their similar actions (meetings with parks about an integration of the subjects in their charter, meetings with technical employees whose sector of work is part of the strategies' areas of action (agriculture, landscape, mobilities, urbanism, buildings, biodiversity, forest...)).



„Carbon Conversations“ in the Vercors Regional Nature Park (picture: Vercors Regional Nature Park)

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