

# Making Spain a wilder place

An opportunity for nature  
comeback. An opportunity  
for people



# Rewilding Spain



Rewilding Spain is a private Spanish NGO with the main purpose of promoting the recovery of nature and wildlife in Spain, as well as the conservation of wild landscapes based on natural processes and for the benefit of society.

Spain has extraordinary natural spaces and restoring them can improve their contribution to the wellbeing of the local communities around them. We want to lead the rewilding movement in Spain, which is developing a new approach to conservation across Europe that opens up new opportunities and challenges for nature and for people, particularly in areas affected by rural abandonment.

Helping nature to recover spaces and processes provides a unique opportunity for the revitalisation of local economies, which can be more viable in alive, healthy and highly valued rewilding landscapes.



# Rewilding principles

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**Providing  
hope and  
purpose**

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**Offering  
natural  
solutions**

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**Thinking  
creatively**

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**Complementary  
conservation**





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**Letting  
nature lead**

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**Working  
at nature's scale**

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**Acting  
in context**

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**Building  
nature-based  
economies**



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**Long-term  
focus**

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**Working  
together**

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**Knowledge  
exchange**

Rewilding is an innovative approach to nature conservation and ecological restoration that can contribute significantly to rural development while generating more heterogeneous and biodiverse landscapes. Through rewilding, the aim is to restore ecosystems so they can become self-reliant, and nature can sustain itself as it has done for thousands of years.

Rewilding promotes nature-based solutions to some of the most pressing problems of our time, such as climate change, biodiversity loss and depopulation. In addition, it also opens up new opportunities for reconnecting people with our environment in a healthy way and for the socio-economic development of rural communities.

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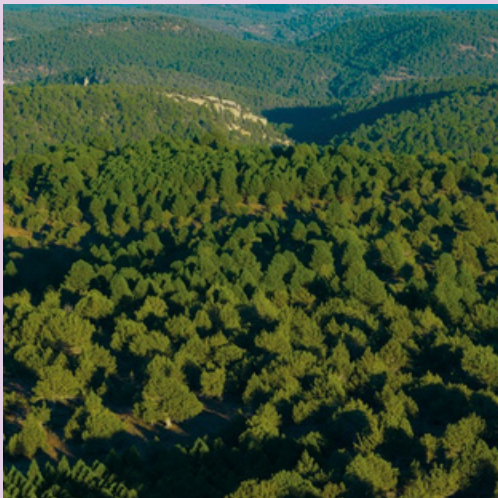
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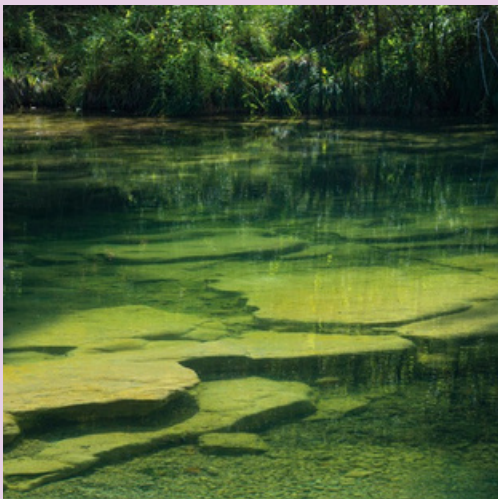


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## Forest management

We work to create old-growth forest reserves and to promote forest management geared towards carbon storage, timber valuation and non-timber utilisation. As well, Rewilding Spain partners with local communities and generate economic compensation mechanisms to facilitate these goals.



## Rivers restoration

We restore critical freshwater habitats to improve their connectivity and species dispersal. We have contributed to the removal of dams in the Cabrillas river and to the analysis of the genetic footprint of species of special interest in the landscape.





## Species reintroduction

Disappeared key species comeback is essential to complete food chains and recover damaged ecological processes. We are fostering the return of large herbivores (horses and tauros), **scavengers (cinereous vulture and bearded vulture)**, birds of prey (red kite) and predators (**Iberian lynx**).



## Socio-economic development

Ecotourism, handicraft, agri-food production, and environmental education bring new opportunities for rural entrepreneurship. We support nature-based economic initiatives which leverage the unique values of our landscape, thus fostering sustainable economic development and job creation. Rewilding Spain facilitates mutual knowledge, provides visibility to the area, and helps with funding.

# Iberian Highlands



EL HOSQUILLO



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LA MALEZA



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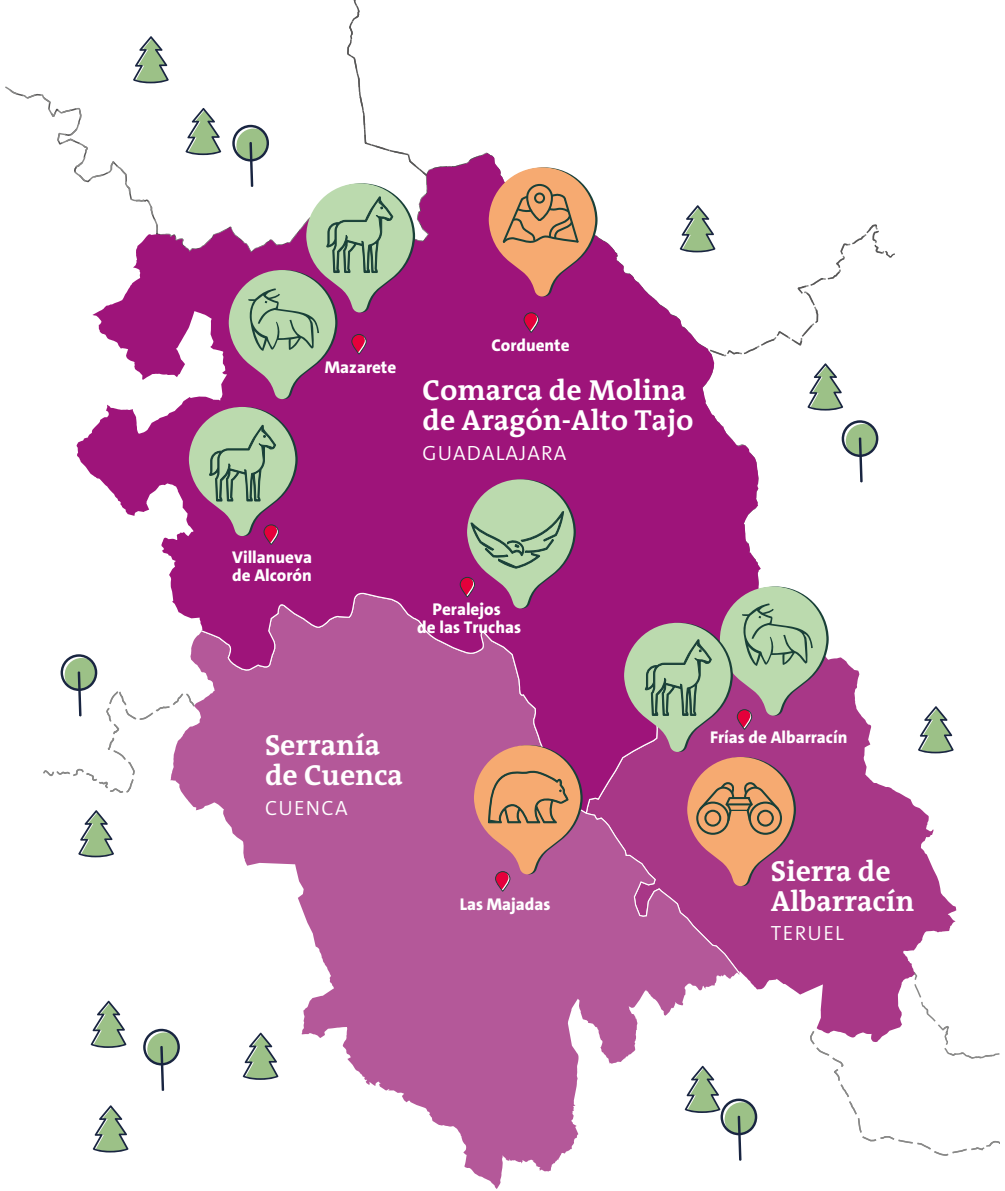
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TAUROS



CINEREOUS  
VULTURE



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Villanueva de Alcorón

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