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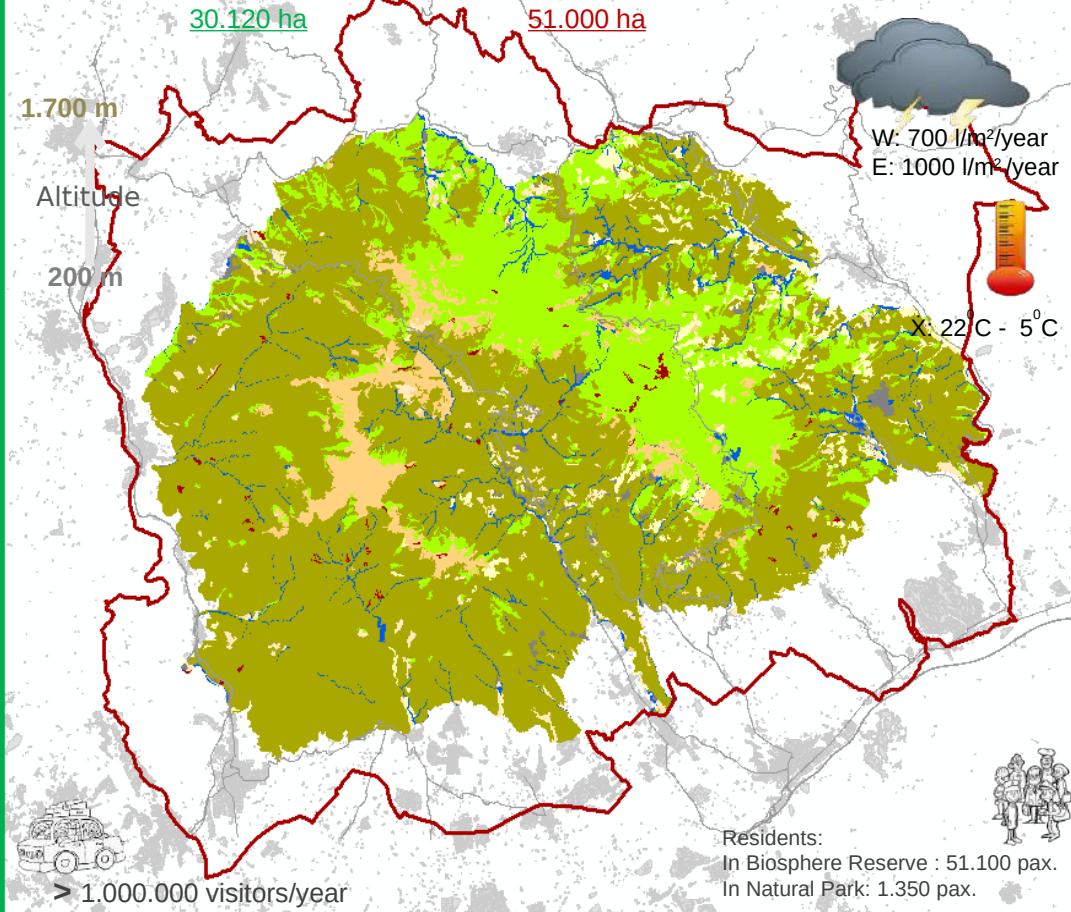


Daniel Guinart  
Final Meeting LIFE Fly Wet Amphibia  
Santa Sofia, Italia. 12 july 2021



CATALONIA  
31.89 km<sup>2</sup> · 7.5 million inhabitants  
Density: 234 people / Km<sup>2</sup>

## Parc Natural i Reserva de la Biosfera del Montseny



# CONSERVATION PLAN of Montseny

<http://parcs.diba.cat/web/montseny/pladeconservacio>

- ✓ Montseny has a high biodiversity:
  - 164 habitats CORINE
  - > 8.500 taxons
- ✓ 11% habitats & 1.4% species with high conservation interest.



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Forest tracks cause erosion and are  
harmful to rivers.

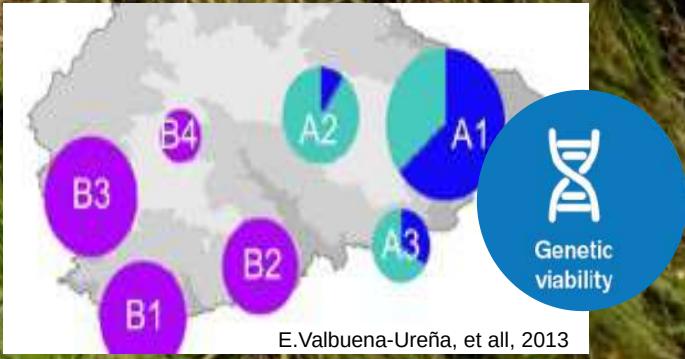


Good environmental practices  
are **NOT** applied in forestry  
management.



> 100 water abstractions not in  
compliance with current  
regulations (Art.38 del Decret 1/2017)

# *Calotriton arnoldi* (Montseny newt)



- ✓ Endemic of Montseny mountain)
- ✓ Discovered in 2006, there is still a great lack of knowledge about its biology and ecology.
- ✓ There is not conservation plan.
- ✓ Its distribution area is not stricted protected, and ~ 80% is within a private estate.

The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ 2017-3. Guiding Conservation for 30 Years. ANIMALIA - AMPHIBIA. GLOBAL, EUROPE. *Calotriton arnoldi*. Decreasing. (CR)

Foto: I. Relanzor

## OBJECTIVES

To conserve the Montseny newt  
(endemic and critically endangered)



To improve river habitat  
(in regression with anthropogenic threats)



## OPERATIONAL TARGET



Protection



Dissemination & Education



Conservation  
(in-situ & ex-situ)



Research & Monitoring



Habitat management

## METHOD

- > 120 people involved in multidisciplinary teams
- 6 Areas of work, with 49 different actions



2.971.276 € (60 % EU)

In reality is x 2



Oct. 2016 / Des. 2022



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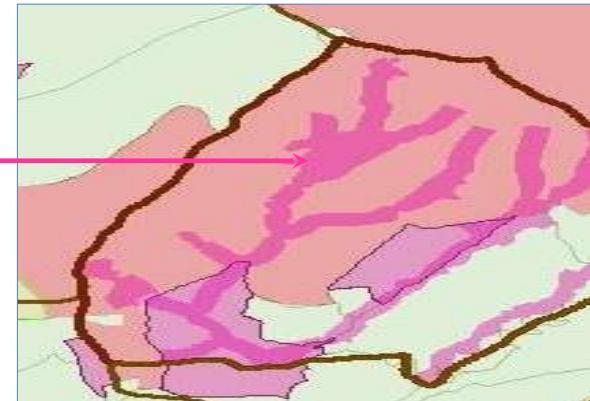
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- **Conservation Plan** for *Calotriton arnoldi* have been written, and approval is in the administrative process.
- ~ 300 ha of **Supervised riparian habitat management** has been established in private land
- Private forest de has been **acquired** (~80 ha ) or has been **swapped** , to protect newt habitat.





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- **Press, Radio & TV** (> 70 news published)
- **Published articles** publicats (20 tècnicians & 6 scientísts)
- **Web** (17.606 visitors, 6 quarterly newsletters)
- **Social media** (15.000 Wikipedia, 530 Twitter, 1.400 YouTube)
- **Promotional Material** (16.500 leaflets, 8 information panel, 3.000 leducational netebooks, 3.000 children's book, ·3D newt Video)
- **Networking** (TRivers, LimnoPirineus, PirOs, Hydrology, Freshabit, Wet FlyAmphibia, Alnus, RedBosques)
- **Travelling exhibition** (> 7.500 visites / 16 pobles)
- **Short Documentary** (6 videos)
- **Environmental education for children schools**
- **Education days** (43 talks)
- **Visits in breeding centres** (> 125.000)
- **Meetings to owners** (> 70 meetings / 13 owners of land)





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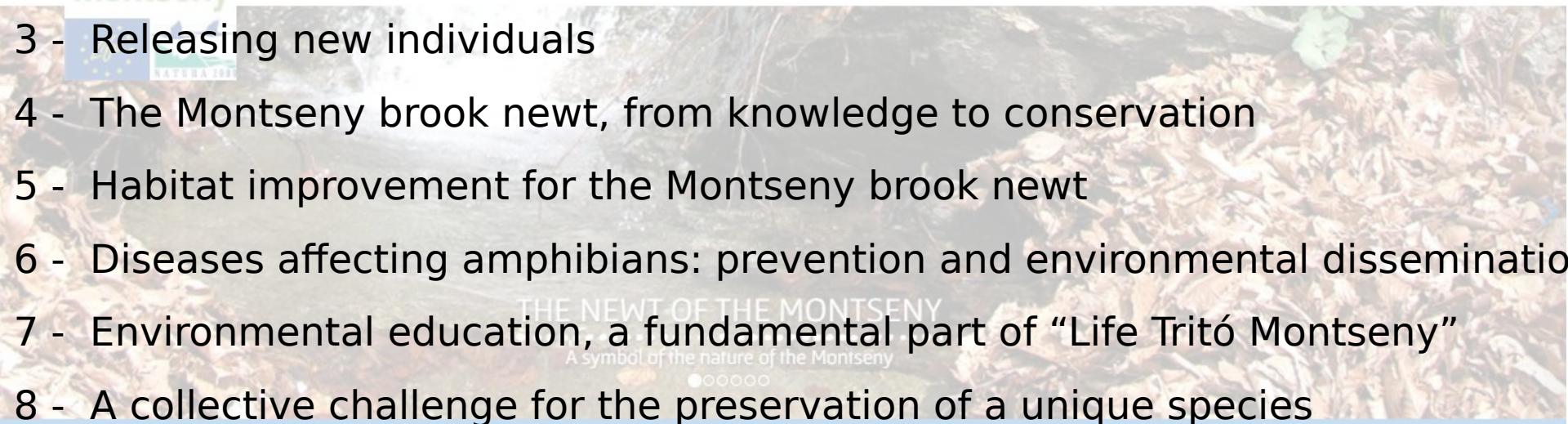
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## <https://lifetritomontseny.eu/en/life-trito-montseny>

Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNeR6L7JnNLD4WA07nRqWdw>

### **HORT THEMATIC VIDEOS :**

- 1 - An amphibian endemic to Montseny
- 2 - The captive breeding of the Montseny brook newt
- 3 - Releasing new individuals
- 4 - The Montseny brook newt, from knowledge to conservation
- 5 - Habitat improvement for the Montseny brook newt
- 6 - Diseases affecting amphibians: prevention and environmental dissemination
- 7 - Environmental education, a fundamental part of “Life Tritó Montseny”  


THE NEWT OF THE MONTSENY  
A symbol of the nature of the Montseny
- 8 - A collective challenge for the preservation of a unique species

Video of Photo exhibición

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Project of conservation of an only species to the world

News

Channel Youtube



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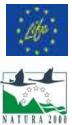


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Life Tritó Montseny



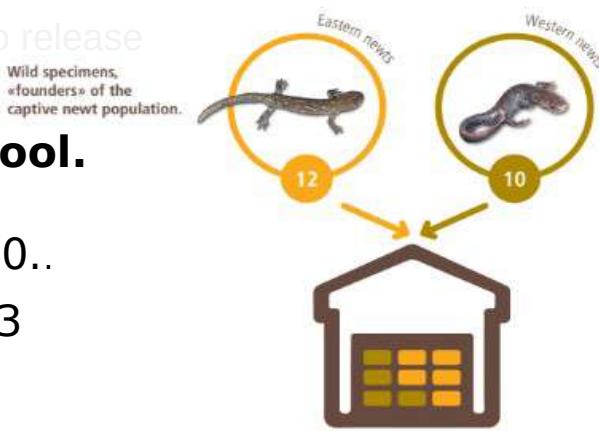
Breeding program : genetic reserve & production to release

- 4 Breeding centres and gene pool.**

1814 newts (1235 Western, 578 Eastern) have been born, until 2020..

- Reintroductions.** :371 newts (243 Western, 128 Eastern) have been released in 5 different locations (survival > 19 % ).

- Biosafety protocols (ex situ & in situ) and sanitary analysis** . To date, no amphibian infections (Bsal, Bd, Ranavirus) have been detected





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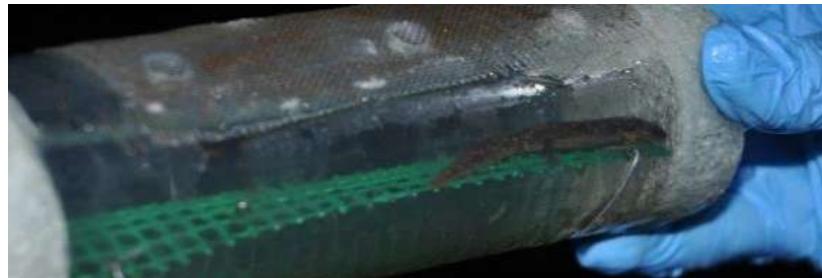
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- **Commission of experts** (> 100 technician and scientific, are implicated in projects or consultancy)
- **Abiotic monitoring stations** (15 meteorology, 40 hydrology, 2 erosion)
- **Monitoring of newt populations** (10 stations, 3 field teams)
- **12 Research programmes** (diet, thermopreference, metabolism, demography, habitat modelling, habitat geology, hydrology, genetics, environmental DNA, ...)





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*The Montseny brook went*

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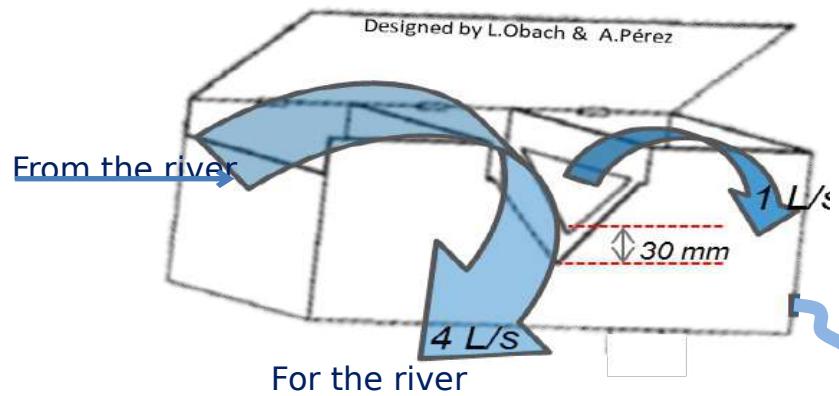
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- 34 Redevelopment of water catchments (9 finished, 25 pending)
- Adaptation of legal catchments to ensure an ecological flow (cost  $\text{€} \sim 3.500 \text{ €}$ )
- Dismantling of illegal catchments (in collaboration with Catalan Water Agency)
- Installation of water storage tanks, with closing buoys



## C4- Water catchments





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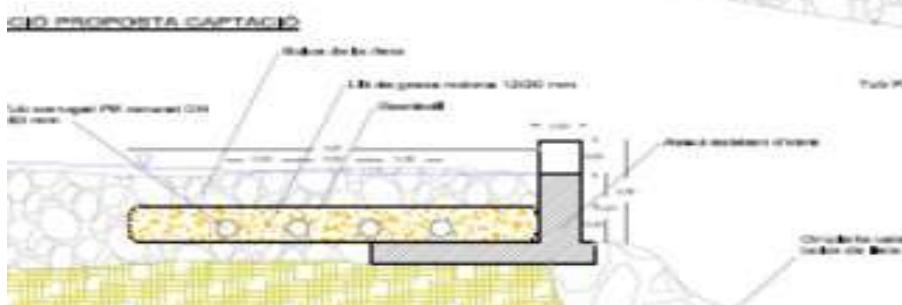
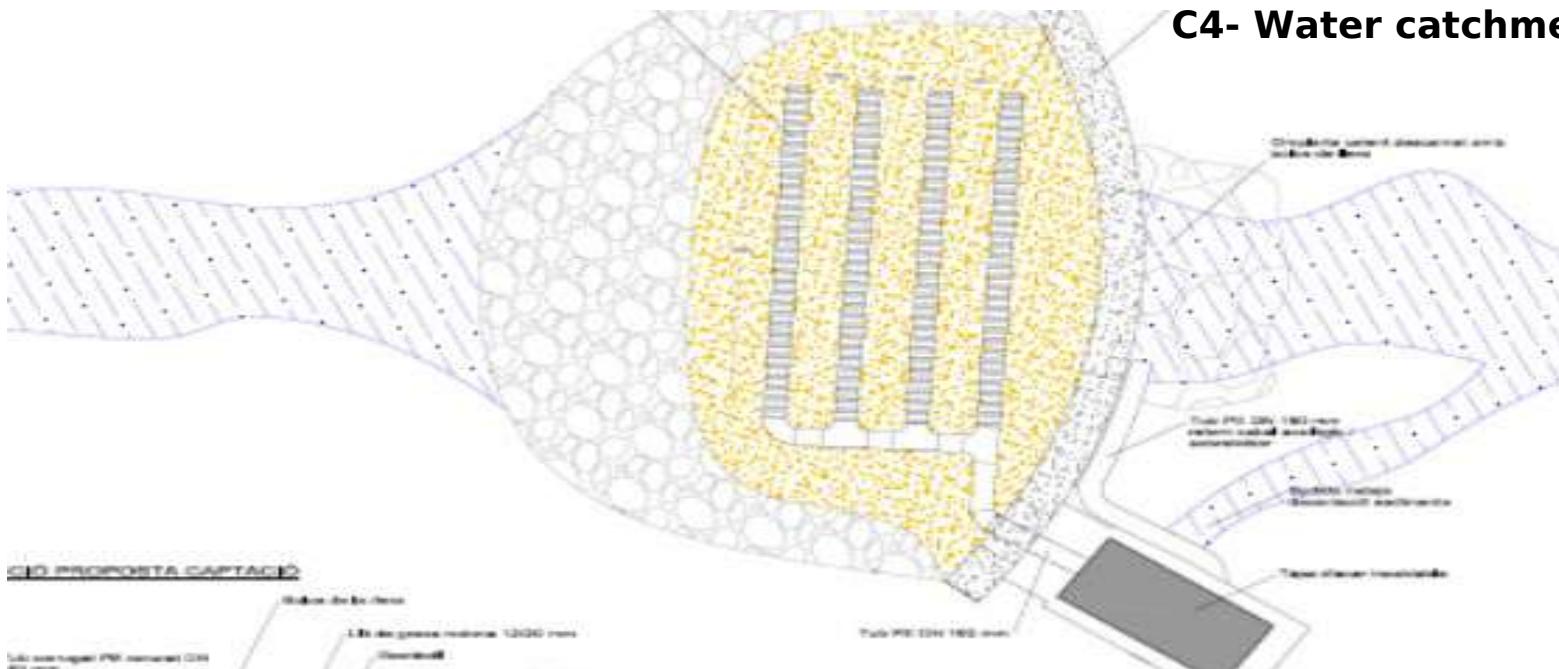
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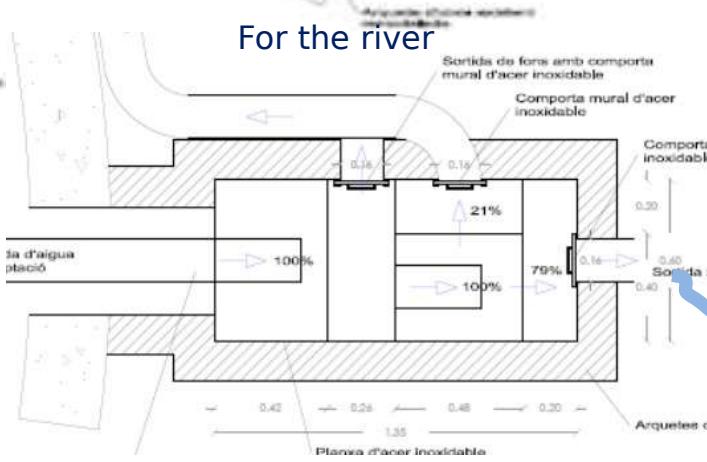
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## C4- Water catchments



From the river





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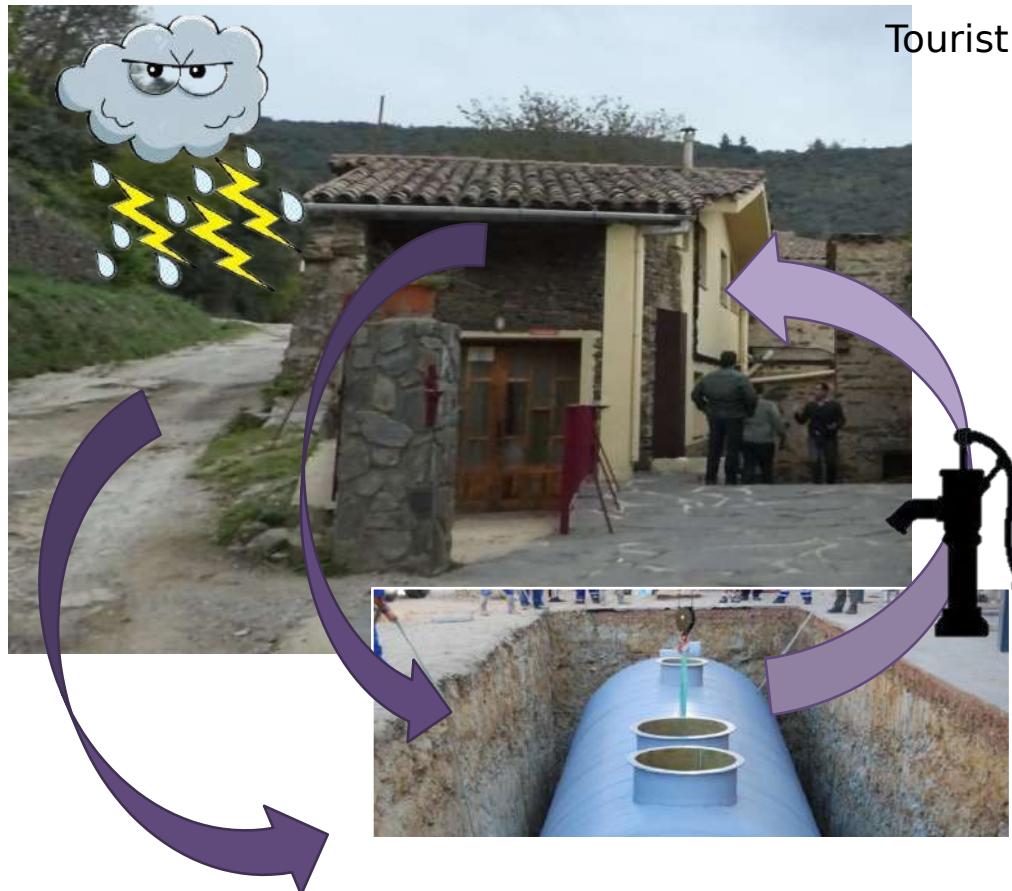


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## C5- Stormwater

- River catchments can be reduced by 50% to 90% , if there is a good **rainwater collection** and storage system in place
- Installation of rainwater drainage, storage tanks and pumping station (13 actions planed, 2 finished, 11 pending) (cost ↗: ~ 3.000 € for single family house, to >20.000 € for agricultural, livestock or tourist exploitations)



Tourist explotation

Family house



Paisatges Vius / PN Montnegre



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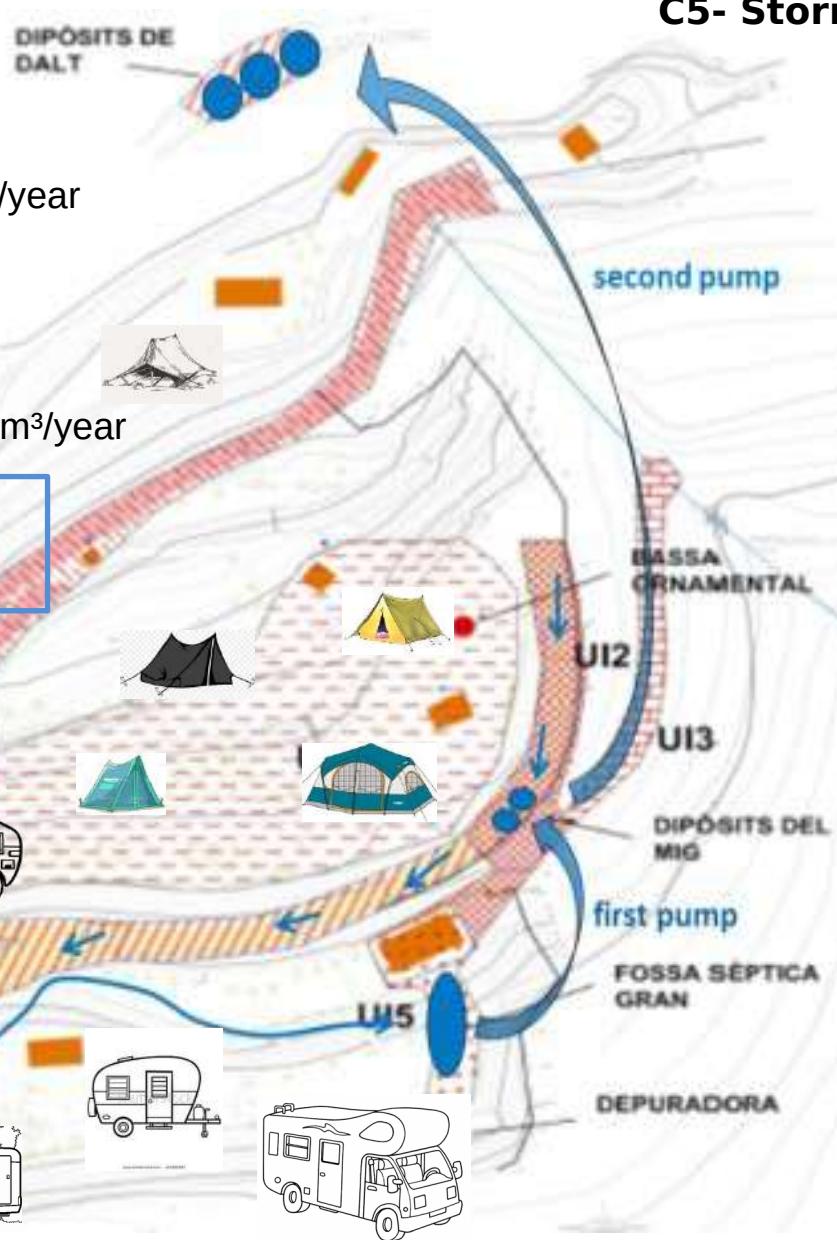
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## Camping situation

- Campers : 4.000 /year
- Water Consumption: 1.505 m<sup>3</sup>/year
- Accumulated Rain: 930 lt/m<sup>2</sup>
- Ramp Surface = 2.171,85 m<sup>2</sup>
- Rainwater Collection = 1.504 m<sup>3</sup>/year

The campsite could run  
ONLY on rainwater



## C5- Stormwater





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## C5- Stormwater



Sistema de reggota a gota  
Sistema de riego por goteo  
Drip irrigation system



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## C6- Waste water treatment

### Wastewater Treatment Plant of Fontmartina Camping



- One green filter has been built in the only equipment that could affect a newt population (cost: ~15.000 €)



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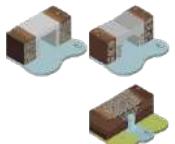
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## C7 River connectivity

- 27 Improvements in the Ecological Connectivity (22 finished, 5 pending)

- 4 Types of interventions have been tested



13 Removal of the logging road (cost:  
~2.000 €)

- 7 Concrete bridges (cost: ~20.000 €)
- 3 Filter rock (cost: ~10.000 €)



## C7 River

connectivity





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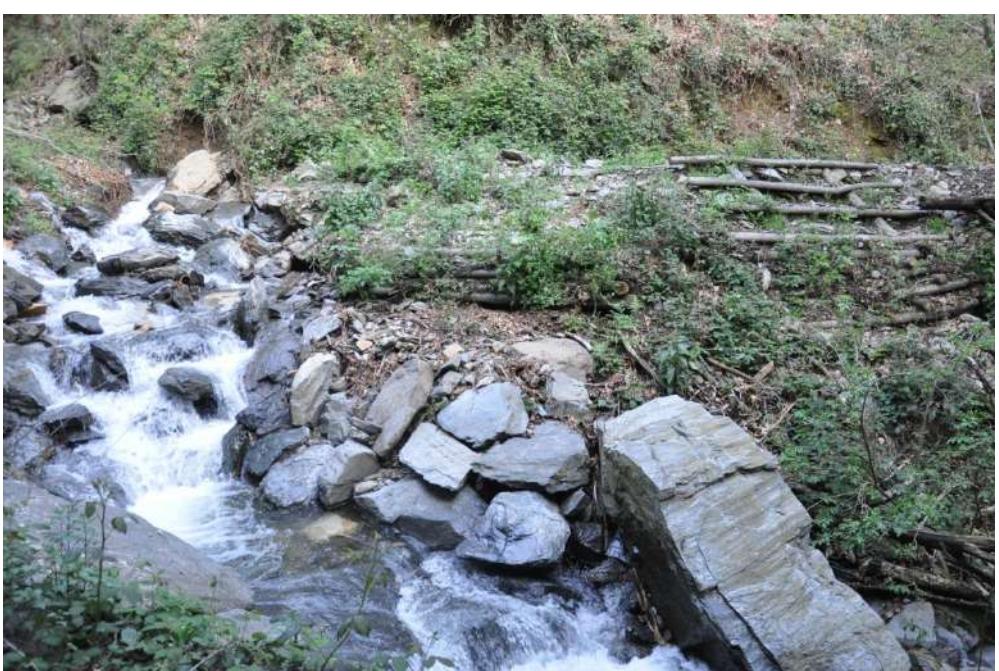
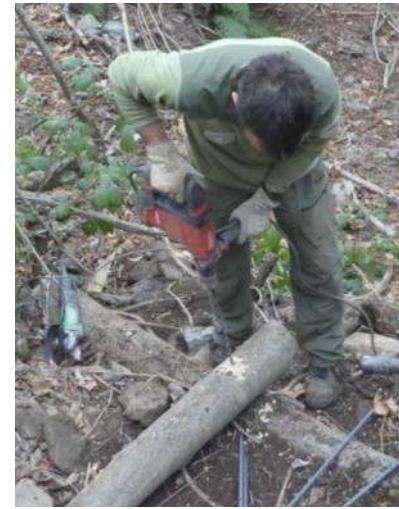


- 24 Waterfront habitat improvements (12 finished, 12 pending )
- Construcción of terraces with bio-engineering and *Alnus*, *Fraxinus*, *Corylus* and *Sambucus* plantations
- 12 Removal of exotic conifer species



## C8 Riverside habitat

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<http://lifetritomontseny.eu>



# Life Tritó Montseny

12-Video resum projecte-Musica\_2min

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