



Get Involved In La Janda

Social Pact for the Restoration and Protection of La Janda Wetlands

The Laguna of la Janda is the most significant element of the region that bears its name. The old lake was the largest inland wetland in Europe. Its importance and cultural and historical significance has been reflected in the cultural heritage of the inhabitants; considerable value has been derived from the Palaeolithic cave paintings in the Tajo de las Figuras and from the numerous accounts and documents of travellers, naturalists and scientists.

As happened with other wetlands in the Iberian Peninsula, the significance of La Janda and associated minor lakes such as Espartinas, Rehuelga, Jandilla and Tapatanilla was not appreciated by Government in the 1960s, which granted a 99-year concession for the drainage and development of large-scale agriculture in the La Janda area.

The demands of 21st century society, and the political framework provided by the EU, are helping to shape a new approach to the future of La Janda. It is now more important than ever that the regeneration of the destroyed wetlands and their protection should be made a major priority, and that we make sustained efforts to achieve our objectives for the benefit of existing and future generations.

In order to support these efforts, made by the authorities and other organisations and individuals, we ask you to sign the Social Pact for the Restoration and Protection of La Janda Wetlands, the main objectives of which are:

- 1. The restoration, based on ecological criteria, of a significant part of the wetlands that once existed in the tectonic depression of La Janda.*
- 2. To guarantee that the natural patrimony of the La Janda area, especially the former wetland and its vicinity, be treated in a harmonious and respectful manner so as to ensure a sustainable and enduring legacy.*
- 3. To declare the legal protection of the territory in the area of la Janda, and its addition to NATURA 2000 list of Natural Sites, including the wetland that could be restored and its surroundings.*



In order to achieve these objectives, the signatories of this pact undertake:

- ✓ *To promote, within the framework of its power and its role in society, the compliances stated therein.*
- ✓ *In the case of the public administrations, to develop and implement administrative instruments, policy and management necessary for the fulfilment of the above objectives.*
- ✓ *To disseminate and promote the natural and cultural value of the region of La Janda and especially its wetlands.*

I have read and want to sign "The Pact"