

**FIRST ODONATOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM
OF THE ALPS-ADRIATIC REGIONAL COMMUNITY
(1-7 July, 1994, Bled-Maribor, Slovenia)**

On 6 July 1994, in the framework of the Symposium and guided by Mr M. KOTARAC, Organizing Secretary of the Symposium and President of the Slovene Odonatological Society (S.O.D.), the participants inspected some of the odonate habitats in the high altitude rised bogs within the projected POHORJE REGIONAL NATURE PARK, Slovenia.

In order to encourage an early promulgation of the relative Conservation Act, the Symposium participants considered it opportune to issue the below formal Recommendation, to which 31 signatures of the attending workers from 11 European countries were appended. Among the signatories is the President of the intergovernmental Commission Internationale pour la Protection des Régions Alpines (C.I.P.R.A.), the odonatologist J. BIEDERMANN, Liechtenstein.

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*To the
Government of the Republic of Slovenia,
Ljubljana*

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

The odonatologists, gathered at the First Odonatological Symposium of the Alps-Adriatic Regional Community,

- having visited several wetland and other localities in the projected POHORJE REGIONAL NATURE PARK,*
- being aware of the rapid disappearance of the type of alpine habitats it harbours,*
- having taken notice of the 1993 Pohorje preliminary pilot odonate survey, prepared by order of the Department for Conservation of Natural and Cultural Heritage, Maribor,*
- considering the extra-limital importance of some of the resident odonate populations,*
- worried about the status of these if left unprotected,*
- having regard to the relative administrative and other endeavours of the responsible regional Department for Conservation of Natural and Cultural Heritage,*
- referring to Recommendation No. R(87)14 of the Committee of Ministers of Council of Europe, dated 25 June 1987; and to Council of Europe Directive No. 92/43/CEE, dated 21 May 1992,*
are recommending to the responsible
Ministries of the
Government of the Republic of Slovenia
- to provide for an early appropriate legislation for this area,*
- to arrange for an early and detailed inventarisation of the specific habitats, coupled with detailed evidence on their ecological parameters, assessment of the status of the resident populations, and with inventories of the resident species assemblages,*
- to ensure the appropriate management of the habitats concerned,*
- to facilitate a regular and qualified monitoring to the population status and development of the biogeographically or otherwise important taxa,*
- to encourage the appropriate and regular scientific research in the Park,*
- to avoid the economic interests would prevail over the intrinsic biological value the area has on both the national and international levels.*

The undersigned odonatologists are confident, the suggested measures, if and when implemented, will adequately guarantee and safeguard the conservation of this biogeographically and ecologically highly significant area.

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