

Douro Internacional Natural Park



The Douro Internacional Natural Park covers part of the municipalities of Miranda do Douro, Mogadouro, Freixo de Espada à Cinta and Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo, along the national frontier formed by the river Douro (in an extension of around 122 km).

The steep banks of the deep valley form highly spectacular and monumental ravines in which various bird species, that are endangered at the national and international level, build their nests, who are undoubtedly also attracted by the proximity of farming and cattle raising units, where it is easy to locate and obtain sources of nourishment. The endangered species include the Egyptian vulture or Britango, which has been chosen as the symbol of this power.

There are major thermal fluctuations in the region's climate, with cold winters and dry hot summers. The southern area of the Park is integrated in the so-called "hot land ". During the months of February and March, with the almond trees in blossom, nature offers a highly appreciated spectacle of beauty and colour, that is celebrated in popular festivities.

Declared

Category: Natural Park

Area: 86,834 ha.

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