

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

Resolution (92) 18 **concerning the award of the european diploma** **to the salvage Islands Nature Reserve** **(Portugal)**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 18 May 1992
at the 476th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Having regard to Resolution (65) 6 instituting the European Diploma;

Having regard to the proposals made by the Steering Committee for the Conservation and Management of the Environment and Natural Habitats (CDPE);

Having noted the agreement of the Government of Portugal;

After deliberation,

Solemnly awards the European Diploma, Category A, to the Salvage Islands Nature Reserve in accordance with the regulations for the European Diploma (Resolution (91) 16);

Places the aforesaid reserve under the patronage of the Council of Europe until 18 May 1997;

Attaches the following recommendations to the award:

1. support the Madeira Regional Government in all matters concerning the Salvage Islands Nature Reserve in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 15/86 of 21 May 1986;
2. continue the logistic support of the navy in operating the reserve;
3. guarantee the operation of the Salvage Island lighthouses;
4. keep under surveillance oil tanker traffic in the Portuguese territorial waters of the Madeira archipelago and of the Salvage Islands, especially with a view to monitoring the application of the regulations banning the discharge of oil residues into the sea;
5. provide the responsible department of the Madeira Nature Park with the necessary financial resources for maintaining and developing its activities, so that extra staff and appropriate technical and logistic means become available for improving the protection and management of the Salvage Islands Reserve: recruitment of additional wardens, acquisition of a vessel with sufficient power to carry out effective surveillance of Little Salvage and installation of a winch and provision of a boathouse;

6. supervise Little Salvage by means of wardens stationed on the island during the summer months;
7. restore the notice boards on Little Salvage;
8. study the regeneration of flora on Great Salvage in plots of land inaccessible to rabbits;
9. control the development of *Nicotiana glauca* on certain sites;
10. rebuild the drystone dykes of the plateau;
11. undertake a study of the climate by the methodical recording of temperatures and rainfall (installation of a weather station) ;
12. give consideration to the risks of the accidental introduction on Little Salvage of undesirable species (*Nicotiana glauca*, mice and cockroaches); take the necessary precautions to avert such risks;
13. continue to monitor herring gulls and extend this to Little Salvage;

Invites the Government of Portugal to transmit the text of this resolution to the authorities of the Madeira Region and to the authorities responsible for the management of the Salvage Islands Nature Reserve.