European Commission - Environment

Head of Protection of Water Resources Unit

Mr Peter Gammeltoft,

The signees wish to express our concerns regarding the contents, aims and objectives of the project of the Ebro Basin Hydrological Plan ("*Proyecto del Plan Hidrológico de cuenca en la parte española de la Demarcación Hidrográfica del Ebro")* drawn up by the Spanish government. We have serious doubts that this proposal will allow the objectives of EU environmental and water policies to be achieved. On the contrary, implementing this Plan as it stands now in this proposal, would put at risk the conservation of natural habitats and species of Community interest as well as worsening the state of important sites on the Ebro basin, such as the lower Ebro from Flix to the river mouth and, especially, the Ebro Delta (Lic ES0000020).

The Ebro Delta is an ecosystem with a significant ecological and environmental value which is in danger. The Plan neither proposes a regime of ecological flows sufficient to avoid its deterioration, nor does it take into account the sediments necessary for the Delta's survival. On the contrary, most of the actions proposed in the Plan would reduce the river flow, and worsen the quality of its waters.

For these reasons, we request that the European Commission, in its role in implementing EU legislation, carries out **a specific and direct guardianship of the contents and aims of this Plan.**

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