



# THE P.A.T.O.M.

Plan of Action for the protection of the Marsicano Bear



In the Appennini Chain the Marsicano brown bear lives in an environment which in the past has experienced dramatic changes. Human settlement, the reduction of woodlands, the loss both in quantity and quality of pasture areas, are all factors to which the local fauna had to adapt. The home-range of Marsicano brown bear covers wide areas on a extra-regional and extra-national scale. Action within regional boundaries wouldn't grant meaningful results. Therefore a Plan of Action (P.A.T.O.M.) has been drawn up within the Ministry of Environment, the State Forest Corps, the "La Sapienza" University of Rome, the Istituto Nazionale di Fauna Selvatica (Fauna National Institute) and all Local Organizations and Parks and Reserves interested in this specie. The Regione Abruzzo is coordinator for the monitoring, protection and management of the Marsicano brown bear.

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