

Since the beginning of *Club La Santa* (1978), its founder *Ejlif Krogager* wanted to build something new in perfect harmony with the landscapes found on the island of Lanzarote. His respect and admiration for environmental values, found in each of the sports projects that have been promoted by Club La Santa, have fostered the responsible practice of sports in close contact with nature.

All of its sports events are designed with the utmost respect towards the environment, making them compatible with the conservation of the spaces in which they take place, taking all the necessary preventive measures to make them viable, giving the possibility of experiencing unique landscapes to each of its participants. The 4-stage MTB race has been designed with the aim of offering to all its participants the best courses in harmony with the environment, without significantly affecting the nature in which it takes place.

From *Club La Santa*, we want you to feel the privilege and the wonder of the landscapes in which you are going to race in the coming days; but first, we want to give you a series of environmental tips and regulations, so that you do not put at risk special *habitats of conservation* which you will pass by, as well as the natural resources of the island of Lanzarote.

Thank you for your collaboration.

Frederik Sohns
Director of the test

Guide to Good Environmental Practices

The *4-stage MTB race* has been ascertained by the Council of the Island Environment as favorably compatible with the means of protection of the protected spaces of the Canary Islands Network of Protected Natural Spaces and the spaces of the Natura 2000 Network.

Below is a guide to good environmental practices according to the place where the test is held. The intention of this guide is to contribute to the conservation and dissemination of objectives and values of the protected areas, in addition to informing the organizers, participants, companions, etc. about the importance of the protected areas as essential places for our health and quality of life, among others.

The dissemination of this guide will help:

- Minimize the possible impact on natural and cultural resources of the protected spaces where this test is developed, contributing to the experience of practitioners and organizers of the test.

- Contribute to the fact that sports practices carried out in a protected natural scenario add value to its development, in terms of involvement in rural economic policies, conservation and association to the image of a natural or national park.

- Make the celebration of these events compatible with the legitimate exercise of property, economic activities and the enjoyment of other users.

- Take advantage of this mobilization of people and resources to have a positive impact on the sustainable development of local populations linked to these territories. This will allow greater complicity between the practitioners of these sports and the local population.

Commitment to good behavior

As a participant, I declare that my participation Club La Santa 4-stage MTB race commits me to respect the place where it is celebrated for its environmental sensitivity as well as by the own regulation of the Protected Natural Space and the conditions established by the Environmental Area of the Cabildo de Lanzarote. I will respect and will keep in mind in the following requirements.

It is necessary to make the development of the test compatible with the conservation of values of the protected areas, for which it will be obligatory to comply with the following conditions:

- I declare that my participation in the 4-stage MTB race commits me to respect as much as possible the place where it is celebrated due to its sensitivity to environmental protection, as well as by the own regulation of the Protected Natural Area and the Special Conservation Zones. For these reasons, I will respect and keep in mind the following obligations:
- I will inform my friends or relatives that accompany me to enjoy the event that they adhere to the established norms and the information of the organization.
- I will not leave the routes established and marked by the organization under any circumstance.
- I promise NOT to throw away containers or waste, including organic ones during the Test route. If I have to leave any waste, I will do it through the Volunteers at the aid stations.
- During my race I will avoid making noise, shouting or using any sound element that could affect mainly the species of birds that are in a reproductive period, especially the houbara (*Chlamydotis undulata fuertaventurae*).
- I will not under any circumstance leave marks, signs or drawings on stones or other natural elements present in the route. Nor will I collect archaeological, paleontological and ethnographic material.

SPECTATORS:

Spectators are an important part of any sporting event, mainly to recognize the effort of the participants, but they also depend on the success of the event from an environmental point of view.

It is a succulent with aerial stems, usually quadrangular that grow up to 45 cm, of variable color from brown green to gray.

The small bell-shaped flowers are purple brown, star-shaped, the edges are covered with hairs and the center is circular yellow. They give off a putrid smell, to attract pollinating insects.

The flowering of this species is scarce and staggered in time, since it depends on the weather conditions. At this time it is in bloom. In addition, the reptile species *Gallotia atlantica* is also present, as well as the birds *burhinus oedicnemus*, *Chlamydotis undulata fuertaventurae*, *cursorius cursor* and *Pandion haliaetus*.



Gallotia atlantica



Alcaraván común, burhinus oedicnemus



Hubara canaria Chlamydotis undulata fuertaventurae



Corredor Sahariano, cursorius cursor



Águila pescadora, Pandion haliaetus.

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The habitats of community interest present in this ASC occupy a large area with different characteristics. The race will pass by two areas:

- Thermo-mediterranean scrub
- Natural lava fields

This type of habitat corresponds to the volcanic surfaces resulting from the recent eruptive activity. It includes lava surfaces of very varied morphology, recent pyroclasts (especially lapilli and slag). These rocky substrates maintain the original eruptive morphology that defines the landscape. The fauna of recent volcanic territories is not exclusive to this type of habitat, but common with other types of arid habitat like those of the El Cuchillo badlands.

In the areas of xeric shrubs, you can mainly find species that have developed a large number of adaptive strategies in order to survive in adverse conditions, such as the lack of water, high temperatures and insolation. Euphorbias predominate these areas.

4.1.7.4. Foreseeable evolution

Considering the favorable status in regard to the area occupied and the quality of the aforementioned habitat in the previous sections, and taking into account that there are no relevant threats or are foreseeable significant negative impacts, the foreseeable evolution of the habitat is FAVORABLE, and its long-term maintenance is assured, current conditions maintained.