



National Parks Austria ([www.nationalparksaustria.at](http://www.nationalparksaustria.at)) and Hohe Tauern National Park ([www.hohetauern.at](http://www.hohetauern.at)) are pleased to announce the

**5<sup>th</sup> Symposium of Research in Protected Areas at Hohe Tauern National Park  
10–12 June 2013  
[www.hohetauern.at/symposium2013](http://www.hohetauern.at/symposium2013)**



Six of Austria's most ecologically valuable regions have been designated as national parks. They reflect the great diversity of this central European country: high mountains, forests, water, riparian marshes and steppes. Austria is part of two biogeographic regions: the alpine and the continental, and most of the Austrian national parks belong to two important regional networks: ALPARC (Alpine Network of Protected Areas, [www.alparc.org](http://www.alparc.org)) and Danube-PARKS (The Danube River Network of Protected Areas, [www.danubeparks.org](http://www.danubeparks.org)).

In close cooperation with these regional networks for protected areas, and further supported by scientific institutions – ISCAR (International Scientific Committee on Research in the Alps, [www.iscar-alpineresearch.org](http://www.iscar-alpineresearch.org)), IGF (Institute for Mountain Research: Man and Environment, Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), [www.oeaw.ac.at](http://www.oeaw.ac.at), [www.mountainresearch.at](http://www.mountainresearch.at)) and IAD (International Association for Danube Research, [www.iad.gs](http://www.iad.gs)) – National Parks Austria and the Hohe Tauern National Park management are pleased to provide an unique setting at the Hohe Tauern National Park Center in Mittersill, Salzburg, Austria, for presenting and discussing a wealth of topical research issues in protected areas across the entire geographic region, from the Western Alps to the Danube Delta, from the plains to the highest peaks in Europe, from glacier-fed torrents to one of the world's biggest wetlands.

At the 2013 conference attention is focussed on *Dynamics and conservation in protected areas under conditions of global change and the need to protect diversity*.

- Do protected areas achieve the objectives defined for the protection of processes, functions and diversity and where are the limits?
- What are currently the most relevant research priorities, research questions, methods and recent results – regional and supra-regional, short and long term?
- Long-term ecosystem research: What do we know from science and practice?
- Where do protected areas, their regions and their networks currently stand vis-à-vis research and management?

Along the lines of this guiding theme, the symposium wants to stimulate scientific debate on all aspects of basic and applied research that contributes to meeting the challenges faced by protected areas regarding ecological and natural resource management. The event aims to make current research on protected areas visible, to disseminate its results and to point out its significance for society.

Interested? Then grab the opportunity to share valuable information as well as common interests and order the final symposium programme. This could be your chance to discuss ideas reaching far beyond the boundaries of protected areas, countries and subjects.

**Please note**

This event is organized in coordination with the Swiss-Austrian Mountain Days, 11–13 June 2013: [www.chat-mountainalliance.eu/en/mountain-days.html](http://www.chat-mountainalliance.eu/en/mountain-days.html) in the same place.

Participants are encouraged to attend both meetings.

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