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FIRE PREVENTION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Let's protect our Natural Heritage

In recent years, rising temperatures and water shortages have caused prolonged drought, making plants more susceptible to fire. Forest fires pose a serious threat to the environmental heritage of La Maddalena Park, so it is essential to behave correctly and responsibly, in order to prevent fires from starting and spreading.

Reference Regulations

Pursuant to Article 11 of Law 394/91, 'Framework Law on Protected Areas', open fires are prohibited in parks. Violation of this rule is punishable by law as a criminal offence.

IN CASE OF FIRE, CALL IMMEDIATELY, 1515 (Corpo Forestale) o 115 (Vigili del Fuoco)

Preventive behaviour in natural areas

In general, it is forbidden to carry out actions that, due to weather conditions, the state of the vegetation and the dangerous nature of the tools, equipment and instruments used, could cause a forest fire. In particular, please note that it is forbidden to:

- a) Throwing from vehicles, or otherwise leaving on the ground, matches, cigars or cigarettes and any other type of material that is lit, smouldering, or that in any case could start or spread a fire
- b) Using any type of fireworks without authorization
- c) Using tools, equipment and instruments that may cause sparks and contribute to the outbreak of a fire, as referred to in Article 2 of Law 353/2000
- d) Parking cars outside authorized parking areas, as exhaust pipes can exceed 300°C and cause a fire.
- e) Leaving rubbish in the woods. Dispose of it in the appropriate bins or take it home with you
- f) Within wooded areas, do not use stoves, ovens or incinerators that produce sparks or embers.

Good prevention practices

When you spot a fire, immediately call the competent authorities by dialling the toll-free number 1515 (Corpo Forestale) o 115 (Vigili del Fuoco)

- a) Always follow the instructions of the authorities and comply with municipal fire prevention regulations
- b) Do not stop or pass through areas where firefighting operations are in progress
- c) Keep the areas around your property clean by removing dry vegetation and flammable materials
- d) Immediately report suspicious or dangerous behaviour to the competent authorities
- e) Check the weather conditions and fire risk level before visiting natural areas
- f) Actively collaborate with fire prevention awareness campaigns

What to do in the event of a fire

- a) Look for an escape route
- b) Always follow the instructions of the authorities and comply with municipal fire prevention regulations
- c) Take refuge on the beach. If you are on the beach, gather on the sand and immerse yourself in shallow water: this is the safest place
- d) Do not retrieve vehicles. Do not attempt to retrieve cars, motorcycles, etc., or anything left inside them
- e) Avoid dangerous areas. Do not stay in places above the fire or in areas towards which the smoke is heading
- f) Clear the roads. Facilitate the intervention of emergency vehicles by clearing the roads and not obstructing them with your car

Further information

For anything not covered in this brochure and to find out about all regional fire prevention regulations, please consult the relevant Regional Resolution available on the official website of the Sardinian Regional Forestry and Environmental Protection Corps.

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Let's protect our paradise together. La Maddalena Archipelago National Park is a unique natural treasure. Its protection depends on the responsible behaviour of all of us.