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Moratorium announced

The Tenerife Island Council, through the State Ministry for Ecological Change, has managed to paralyse the granting of licences for whale and dolphin watching excursions off the coast of the island.

The moratorium applies immediately and will be adapted to the recommendations from the Proyecto LIFE Intermares. In just a few months, the organisation is to be commissioned to carry out a two-year study to determine how many excursion boats the population of whales and dolphins in the Teno-Rasca nature reserve off the west coast of Tenerife can tolerate.

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↑ The desire to experience whales and dolphins in their natural environment must not be placed above animal welfare

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Ultra-rights against the Canary Islands

At the end of August, political groups supported an institutional declaration in the Senate promising aid to the Canary Islands following the devastating forest fires in Gran Canaria this summer.

All the parties, except one, agreed to take action against climate change, which is mainly responsible for forest fires such as those in Gran Canaria or floods such as those which have occurred recently in the Spanish Peninsula. The one exception was Francisco José Alcaraz from the extreme right-wing Vox Party in Andalusia. At the last minute he demanded that the phrase which specified that Senate is committed to "fight against the causes of climate change" be deleted. After the other political representatives refused to delete this essential sentence, he refused to sign.



↑ Acting President, socialist Pedro Sánchez, visited the areas affected by the forest fires in Gran Canaria

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