

Executive Summary

State Party

Spain

State, Province or Region

Autonomous Community of the Canary Island; Province of Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Name of Property

Teide National Park

Geographical coordinates to the nearest second

Latitude: N 28° 09' 00" - N 28° 20' 00"

Longitude: W 16° 29' 00" - W 16° 44' 00"

Textual description of the boundary(ies) of the nominated property

The limits of this protected natural property are defined in Annex II of the Resolution made on October 14, 1999 by General Secretary of the Environment that published the Accord to expand the limits of Teide National Park by incorporating lands adjacent to it. These new boundaries substitute those that were established in Annex I of Law 5/1981, March 25, that reclassifies Teide National Park and they are textually described as follows:

North: Starting from the 8.3 kilometre point of county road TF-38 (Chío-Las Cañadas), the boundary of the Park traces a straight line toward the peak of Mt. Teide, but without reaching the peak, until reaching an altitude of 2,000 m. The boundary continues along this height until reaching the Hoya del Cedro promontory, located next to the old apiary at 2,000 m, and from here traces a straight line until reaching Los Castillos at 1,654 m. From here the boundary heads north until reaching 1,600 m, continues along this altitude until reaching the line that unites Cruz de La Vieja and Montaña Abejera Alta, whereupon it follows this line until reaching 1,650 m, continues along this height until reaching the no-exit Los Areneros forest path, then follows this path until reaching the Barranco del Brinco, also known as Barranco del Pino (a *barranco* is a ravine), and then climbs the length of the ravine until reaching an altitude of 1,800 m. At this point the boundary traces a straight line until reaching the current municipal border between La Guancha and San Juan de la Rambla at an altitude of 1,900 m and then continues at this height until reaching the Barranco de la Degollada, also known as Barranco de Ruiz, climbs this ravine until reaching 2,000 m and then continues at this height until reaching the path that connects



High mountain scrub



Descurainia bourgeauana

with El Cabezón and the El Portillo Visitor Centre, it then follows this path toward the Visitor Centre until once again reaching 2,000 m, then continues at this height until reaching the east-west axis that transverses the 31.6 kilometre point of county road TF-24, the boundary then follows this line until reaching the 31.6 kilometre point just mentioned, and then follows the TF-24 heading north until reaching the north-south divide of the island near Montaña de La Crucita.

East: Starting from the intersection between the TF-24 and the north-south divide of the island, the boundary follows the divide until it reaches the 34.3 kilometre point of the TF-24, then follows this road until reaching the paved path that leads to the Izaña Astronomy Observatory, it then follows this path until it connects with the municipal border between Fasnia and Güimar, the boundary then follows this border heading south until it reaches the curve at 2,100 m, it then follows the curve heading west, along the northern border of the Monte del Estado pine forest known as the Cumbres de Fasnia, until reaching the municipal border between Arico and Fasnia. The boundary then follows the municipal border between Arico and Fasnia heading north until it reaches the Degollada de Abreu, from this point it continues along the northern border of Arico until it reaches Montaña Colorada. From here it continues along the crest of the Circo de Las Cañadas until reaching the Degollada de Guajara where it converges with public-utility mountain (PUM) N°3, Pinar de Granadilla de Abona. From here it continues downward through the Barranco del Río along the northeast border of PUM N°3 until it connects with the border of the PUM known as Contador y Cumbre, at the escarpments on the left margin of Barranco del Río en Los Andenes.

South: The boundary continues in a straight line from the escarpments of the left margin of the Barranco del Río en Los Andenes toward Montaña de Las Arenas without reaching the mountain at an altitude of 2,250 m, then continues south at this height until reaching the straight line that unites Montaña de Las Arenas and the Roque del Encaje, it follows this line until reaching 2,150 m (not reaching Roque del Encaje), then continues at this altitude north until reaching the Barranco del Carnero riverbed, it then climbs following this ravine, just along the western border of the PUM N°3, Pinar de Granadilla de Abona, until reaching the Degollada del Valle de Ucanca. From here, it continues west along the crest of the Circo de las Cañadas until reaching the point where it meets with PUM N°7, known as Vica y Lajas, it then descends along Barranco de La Magdalena until reaching 2,250 m. The boundary then continues west at this height until reaching Barranco del Dornajito, then descends this ravine until reaching the 57.4 kilometre point of the TF-21, here it follows the road until reaching the curve at the 54.2 kilometre point and from here it

ascends in a straight line until reaching the Roques de Ucana (also known as Roques de Ucasme) at an altitude of 2,051 m.

West: From Roques de Ucana or Ucasme, the boundary traces a straight line to Montaña Cangarro and then to Roques de Chavao and from here in a straight line to Montana Chasogo and then continues along the current boundary of Teide National Park until reaching county road TF-38, next, it follows the road until reaching the 8.3 kilometre point.

The private property grouped in the Caserío del Portillo Alto and Portillo Bajo are excluded from these limits (approximately 8 ha).

Map of the nominated property, showing boundaries and Buffer Zone.

A map in DinA4 format that includes the boundaries of the National Park and the Buffer Zone is attached.

Justification. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

Teide National Park includes a group of geological elements that combine to create exceptionally beautiful landscapes that are of particular scientific interest because they display the complete evolution of a very advanced phase of volcanic ocean island development consisting in the partial destruction of an explosive volcanic edifice in its terminal phase, the formation of a vast landslide-caldera and the construction of separate large volcanic apparatuses nested in the interior of the caldera.

This series of processes is an outstanding example of the most important milestones of the evolution of the planet, in particular the evolution of intra-plate volcanic ocean islands. It is also unique because the rest of the islands in this category have not developed this advanced phase of the magmatic series, which includes the formation of these differentiated central volcanic edifices.

The geological and volcanological characteristics that have outstanding universal value are represented in their entirety, in the different concatenated processes and also the volcanic materials, formations and structures of the complete magmatic series related to hot spot ocean islands.



The Peak of Teide and Black lava flows



Cyclyrus webbianus

Criteria under which the property is nominated

The criteria under which Teide National Park is nominated, from those established by the World Heritage Committee in the document *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention* (february 2005) are the following:

- (vii) contain superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance.
- (viii) be outstanding examples representing major stages of earth's history, including the record of life, significant on-going geological processes in the development of landforms, or significant geomorphic or physiographic features.

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