

HISTORY AND A PRESENT-DAY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE TATRA NATIONAL PARK (POLAND) IN 1980–2001

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The scientific department of Tatra National Park (TNP) has been established in 1980 to attain the educational and scientific objectives of TNP. These aims are achieved by coordination of researches by investigating subjects strictly linked to the needs of the Park, making documentation of researches and by preparing expert opinions and amassing the expertise necessary to the Park. We have observed a permanent increase of the number of scientists engaged and of the numbers of research programs as well. We also have developed our own studies (7 scientific programs in

2001) linked to the current conservation problems of TNP. We present the dynamics of the number of studies performed in TNP listed according to scientific centers involved and to the disciplines studied (earth sciences, botany, zoology, forestry, nature conservation *et cetera*). We also present rules of obtaining the permissions to make research in TNP and the system of documentation, and we describe as well the way of coordination of the studies and possibility of help for the scientists who perform researches in TNP.