



The Italian Alpine Club has always been committed to promoting sustainable environmental development when mountaineering or visiting the mountains. This commitment includes reducing the environmental impact derived from the presence of the Huts it manages. With an ever-increasing awareness for sensitivity towards the environment in the mountaineering world and the world as a whole, certain objectives will be adopted. This includes adopting principles for environmental management of the mountain huts as well as identifying objectives for environmental improvement. The organisation and sourcing of financial, scientific, and human resources that are essential for the necessary actions required to achieve these objectives with a view to continuously improve.

The Headquarters of the CAI, which is the owner of the Margherita Observatory Hut, and the Varallo section, which manages it, are aware that the activity carried out at the facility may have an impact on the environment and considers respect for the environment as an integral part of this activity.

For this reason, the CAI has chosen to adopt an Environmental Management System which complies with UNI EN ISO 14001:2015 and a continuation of the certification according to UNI EN ISO 14001:2004 which is already in place.

With this aim, the Italian Alpine Club's Headquarters and the Varallo Section each acting in accordance with their own competences, commit themselves to :

- Comply with the applicable legislation and the standards as subscribed to particularly in the Bidecalogo;
- Assess, manage and reduce the environmental impacts of the activities carried out. This includes, among other things, the reduction of waste production, the use of diesel fuel, energy consumption, and pollution prevention;
- Promote the development of sustainable and responsible tourism;
- Convey its environmental commitment, by raising awareness among the visitors of the Hut as well as those who work in and on behalf of the Hut and interested parties;
- Formulate targets to improve its environmental performance. These targets will be documented and communicated to interested parties;
- Promote the Margherita Hut as a centre for scientific and technical research at high altitudes.

The identified commitments will be implemented, regularly reviewed and establish objectives which target the environmental programs. They derive from the commitments undertaken by the Headquarters of the Italian Alpine Club, and Varallo Section, each within its own competence so that there is a continuous improvement of the Environmental Management System.

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The President General of the CAI