

MedIsWet

The Mediterranean
Island Wetlands Network

Wetlands on the Mediterranean islands are of unique importance for flora and fauna species and also provide precious services to human beings. Raising awareness about their values through the implementation of effective actions such as inventories and policy activities is needed to help protect them.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Coordinated by WWF Greece, the MedIsWet project efficiently promotes and contributes to the full implementation of Ramsar Resolution XII.14 on "Conservation of Mediterranean Basin island wetlands" and to the achievement of the Ramsar Convention's and MedWet's objectives.

"In line with Ramsar Resolution XII.14 on Conservation of Mediterranean Basin island wetlands, develop an initiative for the effective implementation of this Resolution with the contribution of interested partners"

Action 8.6 of the MedWet Framework for Action 2016-2030

MedIsWet aspires to establish a network of partnerships and collaborations with governmental authorities, NGOs, research institutions, local communities, Ramsar, and MedWet and intends to communicate the great importance of these small, numerous and dispersed island wetlands.

PROJECT COUNTRIES

Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the project are:

- To document the island wetlands in the Mediterranean through national inventories following a common methodology, and to disseminate that knowledge to the public and the authorities.
- To implement at least one wetland restoration project per country.
- To promote the protection of island wetlands at a national and Mediterranean/European scale.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

The project is conceived to improve the knowledge of the functions and values of those very valuable ecosystems. By implementing national inventories and local policy and advocacy actions, implementing restoration actions, and promoting conservation measures, the project should exercise pressure on decision makers through direct and indirect lobbying and convince them of the need, as a matter of urgency, to safeguard and use wisely these habitats for the benefit of islanders and biodiversity in Mediterranean region.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- **Island wetlands will have been inventoried and documented** and knowledge disseminated among the public and to the scientific community.

- Creating nine online national databases of island wetlands in the countries involved in the projects and linking them under a common portal.

- Making field visits to 2,522 potential wetlands sites in 92 islands and filling out data for the databases.

- Preparing nine national wetland inventory reports and promoting them to all relevant authorities.

- Disseminating knowledge to the scientific community through numerous presentations.

- **Conservation measures will be promoted** in the Mediterranean and relevant stakeholders at national and local scales will be made fully aware.

- Preparing six proposals for the improvement of the legal framework that will be communicated to all relevant public services through position papers, meetings, and presentations.

- Involving numerous citizens in public events that will be organized in the framework of the project.

- Integrating island wetlands in the Wetlands National Strategies, recognizing them as biodiversity hotspots and successfully managing them by interministerial and/or inter-agency agreements.

- Lobbying for new Ramsar sites designation on the Mediterranean Islands.

- **Promoting restoration activities** to all countries involved.

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