

## Monitoring report - January 2019 (July 2018-December 2018)

	Indicators	Targets <i>(for the whole project duration, 5 years)</i>	Source of data	Baseline data (before the start of the project)	Semester progress	Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 1: (Obj. B1) - By 2022, Mediterranean island wetlands will have been inventoried and adequately documented and knowledge will be disseminated to the public and to the scientific community.</li> </ul>						
<b>RESULT 1.1</b> Island wetlands will have been inventoried and documented and knowledge will be disseminated to the public and to scientific community	Creation of functional National small island wetlands database for each country	By year 1, 7 national databases (Turkey, Croatia, Spain, France, Italy, Tunisia, Malta) will have been constructed and uploaded to the internet	Database	2 national dbs already functional (Greece, Cyprus).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Facelift of the front page of the database</b>                              The new layout of the database has been completed and published.                         </li> <li> <b>Databases completed</b>                              Spain (<a href="https://www.humedalesdebalears.es">https://www.humedalesdebalears.es</a>)                         </li> <li> <b>Database construction in progress</b>                              France, Italy, Malta, Croatia, Turkey, Tunisia                         </li> <li> <b>Update of the Greek &amp; Cypriot database software is in progress</b>                              In progress, they will be ready during before June 2019.                         </li> </ul>	1 database completed

	No of Field visits/inventory data in database per year of implementation	<p>- By year 1, field visits will have been made to 192 potential wetlands sites on 31 islands (Turkey, Tunisia, Malta) and all data will be filled out in the database.</p> <p>- By year 2, field visits will have been made to 400 potential wetlands sites on 37 islands (Croatia, Spain) and all data will be filled out in the database.</p> <p>- By year 3, field visits will have been made to 430 potential wetlands sites on 9 islands (France) and all data will be filled out in the database.</p> <p>- By year 4, field visits will have been made to 1500 potential wetlands sites on 15 islands (Italy) and all data will be filled out in the database.</p>	Online db filled out with data	Wetland inventories exist for the Balearics, Malta, Tunisia and Corsica but they are outdated, hold few data, they are not based on a certain methodology and they are not published	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Field visits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sardinia (106 wetlands in 1 island)</li> <li>- Sicily (4 wetlands in 1 island)</li> <li>- Malta (23 wetlands in 2 islands)</li> <li>- Croatia (26 wetlands in 1 island)</li> <li>- Turkey (8 wetlands in 7 islands)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>167 wetlands in 12 islands visited</p> <p>42% of the 2<sup>st</sup> year target achieved</p>
	Preparation and promotion of National Inventory reports	<p>- By year 1, 5 inventory reports (Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Tunisia, Malta) prepared and promoted to all relevant authorities.</p> <p>- By year 2, 2 inventory reports (Croatia, Spain) prepared and promoted to all relevant authorities.</p> <p>- By year 4, 2 inventory reports (Italy, France) prepared and promoted to all relevant authorities.</p>	Report, Press release, articles in medias	Greece and Cyprus have already completed their inventories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Inventory report in progress:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cyprus. The inventory report is completed and need to be assessed. Early 2019, the report will be promoted to relevant authorities.</li> <li>- Spain</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The rest of the reports (Greece, Turkey, Tunisia, Malta, and Croatia) will be completed by the end of year 2.</p>	The delay is due to the delay of field visits for next year as other things needed to finish first (e.g. construction of dbs, capacity building, etc)
	Number of oral presentations in scientific congresses	By the end of the project, 20 presentations in 10 national and 6 international scientific congresses	Congress's abstracts	During the Greek island wetlands project, oral and poster presentations were made to more than 20 national and international scientific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Malta</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral presentation at the 2nd Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week, Malta, 12-16.11. 2018</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>France &amp; Italy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> COP Ramsar, Dubai, 21-29.10.2018</li> <li>- 4 Oral presentations at the 2nd Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week, Malta, 12-16.11. 2018</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Tunisia</b></li> </ul>	17 oral & 2 poster presentations in 8 international congresses/w orkshops/sem inars

				congresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral presentation at the 1<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Arabian Journal of Geosciences (CAJG), Tunisia, 12-15.11.2018</li> <li>- Oral presentation at the 2nd Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week, Malta, 12-16.11. 2018</li> <li>• <b>Turkey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral presentation at the 2nd Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week, Malta, 12-16.11. 2018</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Spain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral presentation at the X Congreso Ibérico de Gestión y Planificación del Agua (FNCA Congress), Portugal, 06-08.09.2018</li> <li>- Oral presentation at the VII Environmental Conference of the Balearic Island, Mallorca, 28-30.11.2018</li> <li>- Oral presentation at the VII Environmental Conference of the Balearic Island, Eivissa, 13-15.12.2018</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Greece</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral presentation at the 9<sup>th</sup> Hellenic Ecological Society Congress (HELECOS), Crete, 04-07.10.2018</li> <li>- Poster presentation at the 9th Hellenic Ecological Society Congress (HELECOS), Crete, 04-07.10.2018</li> <li>- Oral presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> COP Ramsar, Dubai, 21-29.10.2018</li> <li>- 2 Oral presentations at the 2nd Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week, Malta, 12-16.11. 2018</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Croatia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week, Malta, 12-16.11. 2018</li> <li>- Poster presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Croatian Biological Congress, Poreč, 19-23.09.2018</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>1 scientific paper on the island wetlands of Kerkennah and Kuriat islands, Tunisia</p> <p>4 extended summaries/papers published in proceedings of scientific congresses</p>
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<p>RESULT 3.1 Island wetlands will have been inventoried and documented and knowledge will be disseminated to the public and to scientific community</p>	<p>Pan-Mediterranean report</p>	<p>By year 5, a pan-Mediterranean report will have been published</p>	<p>Report</p>	<p>Publications have been made on the status of Wetlands inventories, biodiversity of Med wetlands and trends by MedWet and MWO, however never such a pan-Med report for the Med island wetlands have been produced.</p>	<p><i>Project plan did not include any results for 1<sup>st</sup> year</i></p>	
	<p>Web portal</p>	<p>By year 6, a portal that links to all national databases will be aired</p>	<p>Portal</p>	<p>A previous database owned by MedWet/MWO hosted data on Med national inventories. This database is not on air anymore, while the quality of data was insufficient.</p>	<p><i>Project plan did not include any results for 1<sup>st</sup> year</i></p>	
<p>• Objective 2: (Obj. B2) - By 2019, proposals for the improvement of the ecological status of at least 9 wetlands in all participant countries will have been completed and financing opportunities and tools for their implementation will have been mapped.</p>						
<p>RESULT 1.2 Restoration studies and financing opportunities mapped</p>	<p>Restoration proposals prepared</p>	<p>- By year 2, 4 restoration proposals (Turkey, Croatia, Spain, Malta) prepared and financial opportunities mapped.</p>	<p>Restoration proposals</p>	<p>Proposal for the restoration of 13 wetlands had be</p>		

		<p>- By year 3, 2 restoration proposals (Cyprus, Tunisia) prepared and financial opportunities mapped.</p> <p>- By year 4, 2 restoration proposals prepared (France, Italy) and financial opportunities mapped.</p>		<p>prepared during the Greek project</p>		
<p>Number of restorations' proposals funded</p>		<p>By year 4, new funding achieved</p>	<p>Funding agreement</p>	<p>2 Greek island wetlands small scale restoration proposals have been partially funded.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cyprus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A proposal for the integrated management of Akrotiri marsh, Salt Lake and coastal zone was submitted at Darwin Initiative. The proposal was submitted by a national consortium that includes national authorities, local authorities, NGOs and stakeholders. A rejection letter was received by funding authority within November 2018. The consortium is examining next steps including re-submission to the same or other more appropriate funding authority.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Croatia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation activities are in progress for application to a fund under the Rural Development Programme of the Republic of Croatia for the Period 2014-2020. This fund has a special category for investments in restoration of ponds for livestock and/or restoration of habitats for biodiversity conservation on agricultural lands.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>France and Italy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A funding proposal was submitted (2018.03) to the Rhône Mediterranean Corsica Water Agency (130,000€) but rejected (2018.10).</li> <li>- Smaller grants (total 15,000€; Not for restoration) were submitted on June 2018 and accepted during the last 6 months.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>2 proposals submitted and rejected</p> <p>2 proposals accepted (total 15,000€)</p>

- Objective 3: Obj. C - By 2022, certain conservation measures will have been promoted in local, national and Mediterranean scale and relevant stakeholders will be fully

aware.

RESULT 2.1  
Conservation measures will be promoted in Mediterranean, national & local scale and relevant stakeholders will be fully aware

Proposals for the improvement of legal framework

By year 2, 6 proposals will have been made (Cyprus, Turkey, Croatia, Italy, France, Tunisia)

Report

In the Greek project certain proposals have been made: protection of the small (<8ha) wetlands, protection of the big (>8Ha) wetlands, inclusion in regional and local spatial planning, new wildlife refuges.

- **Legal framework study/proposal on island wetland protection in progress**
- **Cyprus.**
  - The proposal for the improvement of legal framework is almost ready. A draft version was discussed with competent authorities and their comments were taken into account for the final version. Final document is expected on February 2019.
- **France, Italy**
  - Strategy for advocating on the protection of island wetlands of France & Italy is almost ready. Final text is expected on January 2019.
- **Croatia**
  - A consultant is hired by WWF Adria to make a legal analysis of current legal system regarding island wetlands and proposals of improvement of their legal status. Analysis is under preparation.
- **Tunisia**
  - A consultant was recruited in order to carry an analysis of the evolution of land use practices in Kerkennah archipelago, make an assessment of the spatial planning policy within the Archipelago (especially in relation to existing wetlands), and identify the legal needs for a better management of island wetlands.
- **Turkey**
  - An official letter has been sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, requesting Gökçeada Lagoon to be included in the agenda for the National Wetlands Committee meeting, targeting the wetland to be designated as Wetland of National Importance.

	Lobbying of pertinent authorities and stakeholders	By year 4, legal framework improvement proposals will have been communicated to all relevant public services through position papers and meetings/presentations	Activity log for meetings/press releases	In the Greek project, presentations and consultations with public authorities preceded the official submission of the proposals. Finally, public consultations took place in almost all cases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Greece</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with European Commission officials, Brussels, 2018.11.16</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Turkey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 meetings with stakeholders from national and local authorities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>France &amp; Italy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with the Environment &amp; Forest Department of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia, 2018.10.26</li> <li>- Meeting with Conservatoire du littoral Délégation Corse, 2018.12.12</li> <li>- Meeting with Service "Species &amp; Natural Environment" OEC, Conservatoire botanique national de Corse, 2018.12.13</li> <li>- Meeting with French Focal Point, 2018.10.25</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cyprus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with Cypriot Ramsar Focal Point, 2018.07.04</li> <li>- Meeting with Cypriot Ramsar Focal Point, 2018.10.02</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Malta</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with Ambient Malta (Authority responsible for the management of protected sites), 2018.10.19</li> <li>- Meeting with ERA (Regulatory Authority for biodiversity conservation) , 2018.10.25</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Spain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with Directora General de Sostenibilidad de la Costa y el Mar, Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica, 2018.11.29</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>24 meetings with stakeholders from the E.U., the national and local authorities (in each country respectively).</p> <p>More information about the stakeholders and the results of the meetings can be found in the following link.</p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZGIGs_B7_a6TPfyld-B2k7VV3X-jxgn03PiMbwswo88/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZGIGs_B7_a6TPfyld-B2k7VV3X-jxgn03PiMbwswo88/edit?usp=sharing</a></p>
	Citizens informed	By year 4, at least 5000 citizens will have been informed	list of participants, pictures from	8000 people the last 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Croatia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A total of 360 people have been informed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Tunisia</b></li> </ul>	610 people

		events	in Greece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A total of 40 people have been informed</li> <li>• <b>Italy &amp; France</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A total of 110 people have been informed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Malta</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A total of 20 people have been informed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Turkey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A total of 35 people have been informed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cyprus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A total of 45 people have been informed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Public events	By year 4, at least 40 public events will have been organised	photo documentation, list of participants, public invitations, press releases	65 public events the last 4 years in Crete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tunisia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 public events</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Malta</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 event</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Italy &amp; France</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 event</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Croatia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 events</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cyprus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 event</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Turkey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	12 public events
Conservation results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By year 2, Balearic wetlands protected by a regional decree and included in the National Wetlands Inventory</li> <li>- By year 1, island wetlands will be integrated in the Wetlands National Strategy and recognized as biodiversity hotspots</li> <li>- By year 3 interministerial and / or inter-agency agreements will have been drawn up for the successful management of these sites</li> </ul>	Regional and national official journals, Wetland national strategy, Relevant government bodies	After the completion of the Greek project, the number of island wetlands protected have been increased from 332 to 567 (Presidential Decree, spatial planning, new wildlife refuge while a ministerial decision for the protection of the big island wetlands (>8ha)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Balearic government considered the inventory as shadow list for the river basin plan and included 5 wetlands of high value in it.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Tunisia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- national wetlands strategy is under review, so WWF NA have been asked to submit their proposal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



				is still pending).		
	New Ramsar site	By year 4, 5 new Ramsar sites will have been proposed (Spain, France, Italy (2), Malta)	Information from Regional Government and Ramsar Sec.	Designated Ramsar sites are 2 in the Balearics, 5 in Corsica, 8 in Sardinia, 2 in Sicily and 2 in Malta.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>France</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposition with the Conservatoire du littoral to present the Lagune du Brusca (between mainland and Embiez island) as a Ramsar site</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	Signposts installed	By year 3, most significant wetlands in Malta will include information signposts / panels	Photos	There are no relative actions in place.		
RESULT 4.1 Conservation measures will be promoted in Mediterranean, national & local scale and relevant stakeholders will be fully aware	1st Workshop	By year 1, a kick off workshop will be organised with the participation of project partners and stakeholders	Meeting proceedings	0		Completed
	2st Workshop	By year 3, a workshop will be organised with the participation of project partners and stakeholders	Meeting proceedings	0	A new workplan is on a developing process and will be submitted to MAVA.	
	Policy paper	By year 3, a policy paper will be produced and promoted to Ramsar, Barcelona Convention or E.U. instruments	Policy paper. Activity log for meetings/press releases	0		