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CARE MEDIFLORA



Conservation Actions for Threatened Mediterranean Island Flora: *ex situ* and *in situ* joint actions



THE PROJECT

CARE-MEDIFLORA aims to improve the conservation status of threatened plant species of the Mediterranean. It is a project implemented by institutions of six Mediterranean islands (Balearic Islands, Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily, Crete and Cyprus) and the IUCN/SSC Mediterranean Plant Specialist Group.

Project duration:

April 2016 – December 2018

CONSERVATION ACTIONS

The institutions involved are jointly addressing short-term and long-term conservation needs:

- ✓ in situ conservation of endangered plant species of the Mediterranean islands through in situ management actions such as population reinforcement, species reintroduction, fencing, controlling pest plants and reconnecting isolated remnants
- ✓ ex situ conservation of endangered plant species through seed collection and long term storage in seed banks of accessions representative of the overall diversity of selected taxa. Previous and new seed collections are used to produce plant material for the *in situ* management actions.

NETWORKING

The project is supporting networking among the project partners, institutions and authorities on each island, and/or related initiatives at Mediterranean and wider international level, in order to contribute to the long term effectiveness of plant conservation.

Project results are shared with plant conservation specialists and local stakeholders with the aim to

- ✓ increase collaboration among institutions involved with *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation
- ✓ raise awareness about local flora vulnerability.