

EcoplantMed

ECOLOGICAL USE OF NATIVE PLANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION



The project ECOPLANTMED is a joint Mediterranean initiative based on the collaboration among seed banks, research institutes and institutions dealing with native plant conservation and management.

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OBJECTIVE

The project aims to contribute to halting the loss of biodiversity and to promote a sustainable development model in the Mediterranean region by enhancing the conservation of native plants and promoting their use in habitat restoration and the plant production sector.

ACTIVITIES

- Conservation and propagation of target Mediterranean plants (WP 4)
- Exchange of experience on restoration of Mediterranean habitats (WP 5)
- Ecological restoration pilot actions (WP 6)
- Communication and capitalisation (WPs 2 & 3)

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Enhanced preservation of the natural heritage of the Mediterranean region through the ex situ conservation of threatened plant species (Work Package WP4)
- Common standardized methodologies and practical tools for the management and sustainable use of native plant species
- Improved environmental management capacity and governance at local level
- Promotion of economic sector for the production of native plants
- Increased public awareness of the importance of using native plants



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