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WP1 - PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ACTIVITY COORDINATION

LAUNCH MEETING IN LEON (SPAIN)

June 25, 2024

The first meeting of the project took place on June 25th in León (Spain).





1.- º COORDINATION MEETING IN ABEGONDO, A CORUÑA, SPAIN

February 25, 2025

On February 25, the first coordination meeting took place at the headquarters of the Mariñas Coruñesas e Terras do Mandeo Biosphere Reserve, where the first months of the project were monitored.





2nd COORDINATION MEETING IN VELILLA DEL RÍO CARRIÓN, PALENCIA, SPAIN

June 12, 2025

The second project coordination meeting took place on June 12th in Velilla del Río Carrión. After the meeting, the partners who were able to attend in person traveled to the site of the activities taking place in Castile and León.





3.- º COORDINATION MEETING IN LAGUARDIA (ÁLAVA, SPAIN)

November 18, 2025

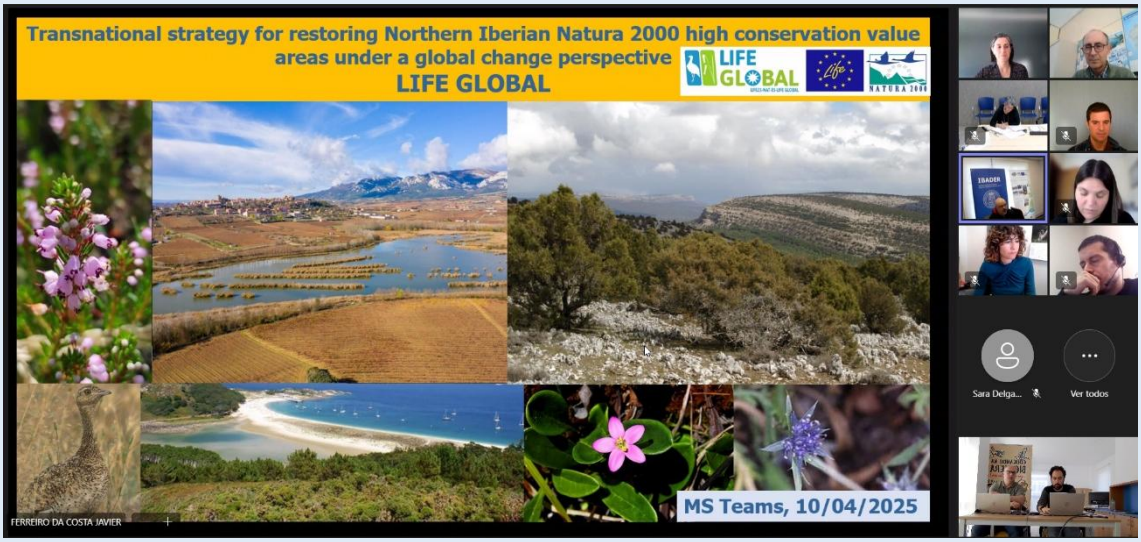
On November 18, 2025, the 3rd coordination meeting took place in Alava. After the meeting, a brief visit was made to one of the sites that are the subject of LIFE GLOBAL in Alava.

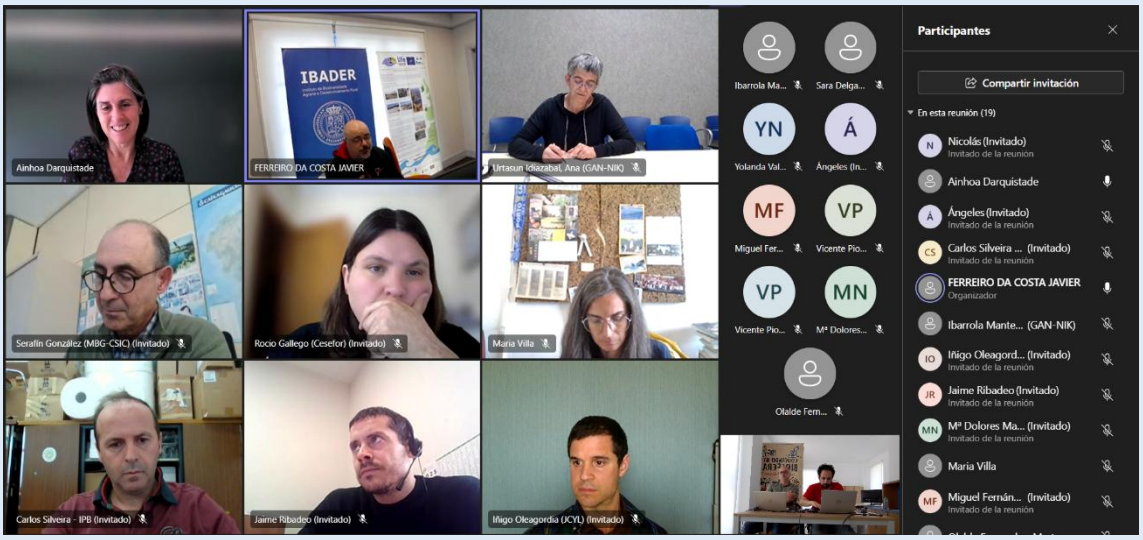


1ST FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO CINEA

April 10, 2025.

The first project visit will be conducted online (as established for this 2021-2027 programming period). The objective is to observe the progress of the various work packages and review the project's administrative and financial management system, verifying how the partners are tracking expenses, as well as the project's time records (timesheets) and invoices.





WP13.- ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT FOR THE FUTURE CONSERVATION OF HABITATS

13.4 CONTROL OF COMPETITIVE SHRUB VEGETATION (MBG-CSIC).

The first tasks carried out have been the control of competing vegetation, the management of natural vegetation, and the sowing of native legumes in this locality *(Trifolium subterraneum, Medicago polymorpha, Ornithopus sativus)* which are of high interest for the feeding of three species of birds listed as endangered in Galicia: the common stone-curlew *(Burhinus oedicnemus),* the European lapwing *(Vanellus vanellus)* and the little bustard *(Tetrax tetrax),* the latter also with the highest threat category in Spain and the European Union.







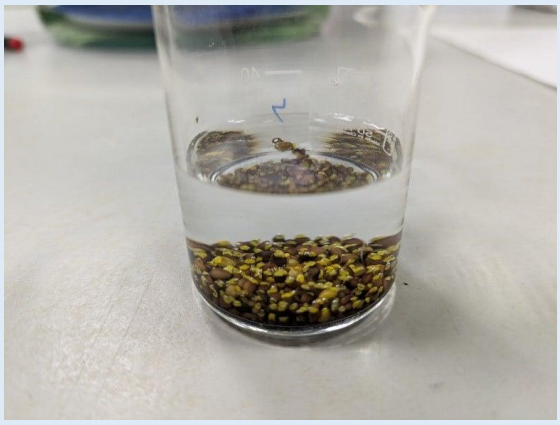


WP14.- CONSERVATION OF THE GENETIC DIVERSITY OF PRIORITY SPECIES OF FLORA AND HABITATS

14.1 EX SITU CONSERVATION STRATEGY (IBADER-USC).

After collecting seeds and cuttings in Ribadeo (Galicia) of the characteristic species of habitat 4040* Coastal heaths of Erica vagans in the area planned for restoration by the LIFE GLOBAL project, the tasks of plant production in the laboratory begin.

Preliminary results show satisfactory rooting of the collected cuttings. Regarding the in vitro establishment protocols, these are being optimized by planning the collection of new samples during the summer and autumn.






14.2 COLLECTION OF GENETIC SAMPLES (IBADER-USC).

During February 2025, work began on collecting plant reproductive material for use in the restoration of habitat 4040* Coastal heaths of Erica vagans in Ribadeo (Galicia). A selection of species characteristic of this habitat type was made, in accordance with the Galician Habitat Manual, and the collection of plant material commenced in the vicinity of the areas designated for the project. The aim was to obtain locally sourced and compatible reproductive material for use in the restoration work.






WP.- 21 PUBLIC AWARENESS AND DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

21.5 DISSEMINATION PROGRAM - PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

PROJECT PRESENTATION IN GALICIA (IBADER-USC)

August 13, 2024

Presentation of the project by the coordinators (IBADER-USC) to the competent authorities in environmental matters in Galicia (Consellería de Medio Ambiente), as well as to the mayor of one of the municipalities where action will be taken.





PROJECT PRESENTATION IN NAVARRA (ORE-KAN)

May 22, 2025

To mark European Natura 2000 Day, the Navarre Environmental Management Agency (GAN-NIK) today presented the European LIFE Global project, or “Transnational Strategy for the Restoration of Natura 2000 Areas of High Conservation Value in Northern Iberia under a Global Change Perspective,” in the Urbasa-Andia Special Area of Conservation (SAC). This marks the beginning of a series of presentations in the various Navarrese territories participating in the LIFE GLOBAL Project, including Baztan, Abaurrea Alta and Baja, Bigüezal-Romanzado, and Esteribar-Anue.







PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT AT THE CONFERENCE “BIOMASS 360ª IN NAVARRA. FROM FOREST MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION TO INDUSTRIAL CONSUMPTION” (ORE-KAN).

October 20, 2025

Last Monday, October 20, OREKAN presented the LIFE GLOBAL project within the "Biomass 360º in Navarra. From forest management and fire prevention to industrial

consumption" event, held as part of Navarra Climate Week and the Interreg Sudoe BIO4RES project.

The participants visited the open plains of Monte de Limitaciones, a livestock landscape where humid heaths (with Anglican Genista) and pastures converge, both priority habitats of high conservation value under the LIFE GLOBAL project.



PROJECT PRESENTATION IN GALICIA AND CELEBRATION OF NATURA 2000 NETWORK DAY (ADRMB)

26 de mayo de 2025

On May 26, 2025, on the occasion of European Natura 2000 Network Day, the Mariñas Coruñesas Biosphere Reserve (ADRMB) presented the European LIFE Global project at the Sorrizo Sea Museum in Arteixo, in addition to giving a series of presentations as part of Natura 2000 Network Day, seeking to highlight the value of these spaces and this network.









PROJECT PRESENTATION IN ALAVA (ALAVA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL)

June 6, 2025

On June 6, 2025, the Provincial Council of Álava presented the project and the actions to be developed in that territory to the board of trustees of the Izki Natural



21.5 PROGRAMA DE DIFUSIÓN – TALLERES ESCOLARES

1 º SCHOOL WORKSHOP (ADRMB) *01/04/2025*

A school workshop was held with students, where we visited a nearby Natura 2000 site, a highly human-modified environmental area where we did a short interpretive walk, focused on explaining invasive species and the importance of the Natura 2000 network.







2º SCHOOL WORKSHOP (ADRMB) *04/04/2025*

A school workshop was held with students, where we visited a nearby Natura 2000 network site and took a short interpretive walk, focusing on explaining invasive species and the importance of the Natura 2000 network.

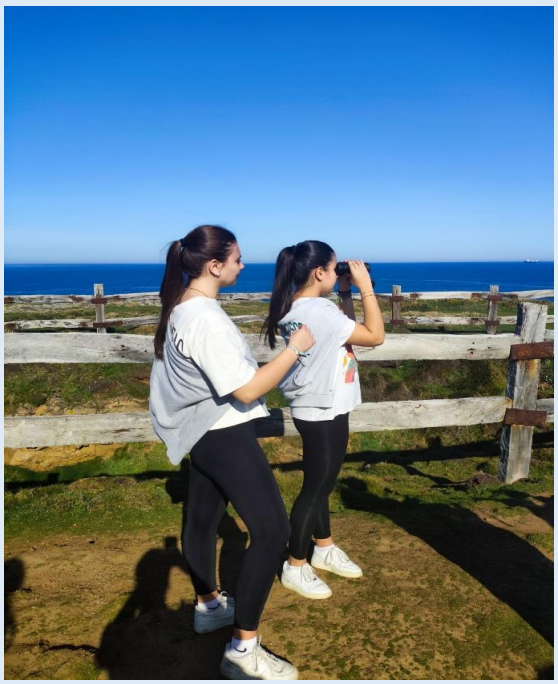




3 º SCHOOL WORKSHOP (ADRMB)

07/04/2025

An environmental route was carried out through a Natura 2000 Network area of the Mariñas Coruñesas Biosphere Reserve, where we highlighted the values of this area and the importance of the Natura 2000 Network for its preservation and connectivity.







4º SCHOOL WORKSHOP (ADRMB)

14/11/2025

An environmental route was conducted through a Natura 2000 site within the Mariñas Coruñesas Biosphere Reserve, highlighting the values of this area and the importance of the Natura 2000 network for its preservation and connectivity. During the route, we identified the main invasive species present in the area, as well as the restored projects.







UNED VISIT TO THE LIFE GLOBAL SITES IN GALICIA (MBG-CSIC) AS PART OF THE ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION COURSE

The UNED's visit to the sites in A Limia (Galicia) as part of their Ecological Restoration course provided a firsthand look at the work carried out by the LIFE Global project in Galicia, coordinated by the MBG-CSIC. During the day, the students were able to observe various ecological restoration projects in the field and learn about the strategies used for ecosystem recovery and biodiversity conservation in the area.



21.5 DISSEMINATION PROGRAM – UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COURSE

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COURSE (IBADER-USC)

From June 7th to July 10th, 2025.

This course is based on the objectives and goals established by the European Biodiversity Strategy, the European Green Infrastructure Strategy, and the European Ecological Restoration Regulation. It will examine the regulatory and technical aspects and, in particular, the projects and actions developed in Galicia through various collaborative projects in which the course instructors participate.



21.5 DISSEMINATION PROGRAM – VOLUNTEER DAYS

VOLUNTEERING DAY AT ZEC COSTA DA MORTE, GALICIA (ADRMB)

22 de julio de 2025.

On July 22, 2025, an invasive alien species removal activity was carried out in the Special Area of Conservation (SAC Costa da Morte) in Arteixo. Volunteers manually removed the plant known as Cat's Claw (Carpobrotus edulis). 700 kilograms of this species were removed.







WP. - 22 SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY REPLICATION AND EXPLOITATION OF PROJECT RESULTS

22.1 WORKSHOPS WITH TARGETED GROUPS

WORKSHOPS WITH LOCAL ENTITIES IN GALICIA (ADRMB)







22.2 TECHNICAL TRAINING DAYS

TRAINING WORKSHOPS – VISIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA TO THE AREA OF OPERATION IN PORTUGAL (CIMO/IPB) - *06 de junio de 2025*

Students from the Master's Program in Biology and Biodiversity Conservation at the University of Salamanca visited the Mountain Research Center (CIMO) of the Bragança Polytechnic Institute (IPB) to learn about the LIFE GLOBAL project and visit one of its intervention areas. In this area, the project will focus on the Montesinho/Nogueira Special Area of Conservation (PTCON0002), specifically on the Eryngium viviparum species, reinforcing the population by establishing a backup population through the propagation of propagules.





TRAINING WORKSHOPS (ADRMB)

April 19, 2025

In April, the first training seminar of the LIFE GLOBAL project was held in conjunction with the 6th Green Employment Workshop. Students learned about the Natura 2000 D network sites, their operation, and their conservation needs. The seminar also addressed the problem of invasive species in horticulture, emphasizing the importance of having trained professionals, applying appropriate control and removal methods, and prioritizing prevention to protect the ecological health of these areas.







WP.-23 EXCHANGE STRATEGY - NETWORKING WITH OTHER PROJECTS.

23.4 CAPTURE, TRANSFERABILITY AND REPLICABILITY OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK

A NETWORKING WORKSHOP WAS ORGANIZED WITH BRETAGNE VIVANTE FOR THE ERYNGIUM VIVIPARUM POPULATIONS IN THE LOCATIONS OF LIFE GLOBAL (IBADER-USC)

September 4, 2025

Between September 1 and 4, 2025, a team from the environmental organization Bretagne Vivante, based in Brittany (NW France), attended a networking workshop to exchange information on the conservation and management of Eryngium viviparum. During this event, they visited populations of this species in Northwest Spain (Terra Chá, A Limia, Zamora) and Northern Portugal (Bragança). In each location, the various beneficiaries and partner organizations of LIFE GLOBAL participated: IBADER, the Galician Society of Natural History, the Regional Government of Castile and León, the Mountain Research Center of the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança, and the National Institute for Forest Conservation (ICNF).







