

# 2nd Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week

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## S3 – Ex situ and in situ plant species conservation: collaborations, strategies, communication

**TITLE:** CARE-MEDIFLORA project, experiences with stakeholders and collaborations with administrations and private proprietaries

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### **ABSTRACT:**

Mediterranean islands plants are threatened by several physical and biological factors and, consequently, several plants of these islands require urgent protection measures. Although the number of researchers has increased rapidly in the last years, few effective conservation actions have been carried out on the threatened Mediterranean flora. Among other reasons, this situation is due to the fact that to realize an in situ conservation action, several actors must be involved (e.g. researchers, managers, stakeholders, public authorities, etc.).

The main objective of the CARE-MEDIFLORA project, an initiative implemented by institutions of six Mediterranean islands and the IUCN/SSC Mediterranean Plant Specialist Group with a long lasting experience in the field of plant conservation, is to promote in situ conservation actions for some threatened island plants (Fenu et al. 2017).

Different authorizations are needed in the different project islands for the implementation of works in situ depending on the legal status for each land in each country as well as the status of the institution that intends to do the in situ action.

The ex situ collections data and skills of the partners of CARE-MEDIFLORA has been essential to carry out the in situ actions, but the contact with stakeholders and involved institutions or persons on the land has also been essential. When the project ends, in December 2018, the information transferred to the local actors and the training of the managers carried out will be very important to guarantee the sustainability of the actions. Examples will be given of how the CARE-MEDIFLORA team has worked in close cooperation with foresters, scientists, conservationists, landscape managers, private companies, national and local administrations, etc. tackling some important cases of collaborations and agreements and also the contacts with the local GSPC focal points to contribute to national reports for targets 5, 7 and 8

### **KEY WORDS:**