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FOREWORD

Every corner of Tuscany reveals a timeless connection between nature and tradition: from the azure of the sea where dolphins and sea turtles swim, to the wetlands serving as a refuge for hundreds of migratory species, to the most well-preserved forests, to all the great rivers that meander from their source to the sea, meeting the sweeping valleys shaped by human cultivation. However, climate change, unsustainable resource management and pollution are accelerating the decline of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystems worldwide and Tuscany is no exception.

Over the past eighteen months, Tuscany Environment Foundation (TEF) has made significant progress, achieving a more widespread expansion of its local activities. Thanks to the consolidation of our network and the support of new donors, we have funded projects focused on the conservation and regeneration of the most vulnerable habitats, successfully initiating an institutional process to establish a new regional park.

The key to this growth lies in having nurtured strategic collaboration with local communities, expert knowledge and public institutions.

In this report we tell stories of *Posidonia oceanica*, the forest of the sea, amphibians that recolonize restored areas and fishermen who are allies of the sea, and prevent plastic waste, alongside citizen science and experiences that demonstrate expertise and dedication.

Education and outreach is fundamental piece of TEF's work, transforming complex knowledge, making it accessible to civil society, guiding people toward informed daily choices.

We pursue this goal through environmental courses in schools, institutional and advocacy working groups and supporting ancient skills such as the art of dry stone construction and weaving with marsh grasses.

Those who love Tuscany and Nature are the perfect subjects to become their guardians.

Looking after the environment means doing work that is becoming more and more essential for life on our planet. TEF is doing this with absolute passion.



Laura Lo Presti
Executive Director

OUR MISSION

Tuscany Environment Foundation (TEF) aims to protect and enhance the natural beauty, biodiversity and ecosystems of the much-loved Tuscan environment for the benefit of all.

OUR VISION

A more resilient and sustainable Tuscany, where nature and biodiversity are protected, regenerated, and thrive together with local communities.

OUR STRATEGY

Tuscany Environment Foundation (TEF) exists to channel expertise and resources to the most effective grassroots initiatives in Tuscany, helping them grow, replicate and deliver lasting environmental and socio-economic impact. Many excellent projects already exist on the ground but often lack the financial and strategic support needed to scale up. By deploying strategic funding and capacity-building, TEF acts as a facilitator on the ground, building connections among local communities, conservation organisations, researchers, public authorities, and businesses to maximise environmental impact. We work to bring forces together and provide the necessary support to help environmental projects come to life, amplifying their reach and ensuring concrete, more effective impact.





FROM SELECTION TO IMPACT

TEF's Approach to Grantmaking

GRANT & PROJECT SELECTION

We support initiatives led by grassroots organisations working within TEF's areas of interest. To be eligible, projects must meet at least two of the following criteria:

- ✓ **Measurable results:** ability to deliver tangible, evidence-based impact.
- ✓ **Scalable:** potential to be replicated or expanded, multiplying the benefits.
- ✓ **TEF added value:** TEF can utilise its expertise to magnify the impact of its support.

DECISION MAKING PROCESS

TEF applies a professional, rigorous and transparent process to every funding decision:

- **Executive Director** – coordinates the grant-making process and supports applicants during the development of a proposal, ensuring that it meets the guiding principles outlined above;
- **Advisory Board** – a panel of leading scientific and technical experts who review projects, provide guidance, and strengthen project design to maximise impact;
- **Steering Committee** – the final decision-making body that reviews expert recommendations and awards grants.

BEYOND FUNDRAISING

TEF's role goes far beyond direct financial support, we act as facilitators in bringing projects to light, through:



Technical mentoring and project optimisation.



Strategic networking and stakeholder connectivity.



Amplifying the visibility of local solutions.



Advocacy for systemic change.

By combining rigorous project selection with active support, TEF ensures that every donation is used thoughtfully and efficiently, protecting and regenerating Tuscany's unique environment for the benefit of nature and people.



“TEF believes that local communities are best positioned to protect the ecosystems they call home. Our role is to identify and fund the most robust, high-quality grassroots initiatives, providing them with the support needed to translate local dedication into concrete, measurable environmental outcomes. By fostering networks and engaging people of all ages in direct conservation, we aim to ensure that Tuscany’s unique biodiversity remains protected and functional for years to come.”.

ROBERT COPE
CHAIR OF TUSCANY ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION

AREAS OF INTEREST

Biodiversity

Tuscany is a true biodiversity hotspot, giving refuge to rare and unique species. But these ecosystems are pushed to the limit by human activity and climate change, with unsustainable farming and poorly managed forestry putting them at a breaking point.

TEF targets the core drivers of biodiversity loss on land by funding habitat restoration, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, and standardised citizen science monitoring. By supporting local partners and on-the-ground initiatives, TEF helps conserve and regenerate habitats, reduce pressures on ecosystems, and advance sustainable practices that enable people and nature to thrive together for generations to come.



Marine Conservation

The Tuscan coast and its islands are alive with an incredible variety of marine species. Yet, beneath the surface, these ecosystems are facing a wave of threats: large-scale fishing, marine litter, mass tourism, and invasive species, alongside rising sea temperatures.

TEF is stepping up to protect our seas. We support hands-on projects that restore vital seagrass meadows, reduce plastic and polystyrene pollution alongside local fishers, protect local species like marine turtles, and strengthen community engagement through science-based awareness and education.

Regenerative Agriculture

Tuscany's deep agricultural roots stretch all the way back to the Romans and Etruscans, shaping the iconic landscape of vineyards and olive groves we see today. But modern, intensive farming is taking a heavy toll, triggering a quiet but widespread decline in local biodiversity and soil degradation.

TEF is working to reverse this trend. We support projects that help local farmers learn about and adopt natural and regenerative methods. The goal? To farm healthily, working in harmony with nature and creating a resilient landscape capable of withstanding climate shocks.



Sustainable Resource Management

From the ancient beech woodlands of the Apennines to the forests of Monte Amiata, Tuscany guards some of Europe's best-preserved woodlands.

TEF works to protect and restore these ecosystems, implementing sustainable forest management and restoring wetlands to support local biodiversity. Our commitment extends to restoring heritage features like dry-stone walls, building natural resilience against soil erosion while creating vital micro-habitats for native species. We also support Nature-Based Solutions that combine traditional craftsmanship and ecological restoration to regenerate Tuscan wetland habitats, fostering biodiversity and climate resilience.

A flock of flamingos is captured in flight against a soft, hazy sky with warm orange and pink tones, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The birds are shown from various angles, with their long necks extended and wings spread, creating a sense of movement and grace. The overall composition is dynamic and visually appealing.

OUR WORK

A selection of some of TEF's recent projects





GUARDIANS OF THE SANT'ANTONIO FOREST

Project duration: 06/2025 – 12/2025

Amount: € 13.200

Grantee: Gruppo perché no?

Location: Foresta di Sant'Antonio (FI)

THE CHALLENGE

Wetlands in the Sant'Antonio forest used to provide a crucial habitat for a wide range of different species. These wetlands have suffered under forestry mismanagement and significant water extraction, triggering a loss of biodiversity. In particular, historical reforestation efforts in the 1960s and 1970s introduced non-native species such as Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*). Once fallen, the accumulation of this organic matter, along with sediment and debris washed down from uphill roads, compromised the area's natural wetlands, causing surface water to rapidly infiltrate the compacted soil instead of supporting local wildlife.

THE SOLUTION

This project used a practical nature-based solution to restore a wetland located near a natural spring and stream. Restoration involved the manual removal of accumulated debris, sediment, and dead conifers; the careful relocation of amphibians, invertebrates, and native plants during the works; remodelling the wetland with varying water depths; and waterproofing it using natural clay instead of plastic liners. All interventions were carried out by hand, avoiding heavy machinery to minimise disturbance to the site's fragile microhabitats. The project involved the local community including dozens of teenagers and young children. Fences were built to prevent entry to the area, using fallen timber and ancient techniques. Scientific research was carried out

on endangered species from the IUCN Red List.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Restoration of a 40 m2 wetland area using low impact, nature-based solutions.
- Monitoring: Conducting non-invasive herpetofauna and plant censuses, updating local Rete Natura 2000 regulations, running school campaigns, and hosting a final results-sharing conference with local stakeholders.
- Results: Field monitoring confirmed the presence of *Bufo bufo* (common toad), *Rana dalmatina* (Agile Frog), *Rana italica* (Italian stream frog), and *Salamandra Salamandra* (Fire Salamander). Crucially, the surveys yielded unprecedented data for threatened species never previously mapped here, including *Speleomantes italicus* (Italian cave salamander), *Triturus cristatus* (northern crested newt), and the rare *Bombina pachypus* (Apennine yellow-bellied toad). Keystone bird species are already returning to the site.
- The project mobilised 50 volunteers and 63 local teenagers. Digital campaigns reached 150 thousand people. Strong institutional partnerships were established with the Carabinieri Forestali, local municipalities, and the Tuscany Regional Government.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

This initiative establishes a highly replicable, entirely natural and operational model for wetland management aligned with the Ramsar Convention. It has already stimulated the Municipality of Reggello and the Tuscany Region to initiate procedures to upgrade the area into a Regional - and eventually National - Natural Park. By restoring permanent humidity to the forest, the project secures a stable water source for wildlife, opens new avenues to study ecological colonization timelines, and ensures a protected ecosystem for future generations.



40 m²
restored
wetland.



50 volunteers
and **63** teenagers
involved.

150.000

people reached through
media and social media.

First survey in 20 years.

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threatened species (listed on the IUCN
Red List) have been found in the
Sant'Antonio Forest for the first time:



*Speleomantes
italicus*
(Italian cave newt)



Triturus cristatus
(Crested newt)



Bombina pachypus
(Apennine
fire-bellied toad)



DRY STONE WALL CONSTRUCTION AND RESTORATION COURSE

Project duration: 03/2026 – 09/2026

Amount: € 5.725

**Grantee: Tuscany Environment
Foundation**

**In collaboration with: Associazione
Biodistretto del Montalbano,
International Terraced Landscapes
Alliance (ITLA) and Scuola Nazionale
Artigiani Pietra a Secco (ITLA Italia)
Location: Lamporecchio (PT)**

*Please visit the Tuscany Environment
Foundation's YouTube channel to
learn more.*

THE CHALLENGE

Dry stone walls (muretti a secco) define Tuscany's rural landscape, preventing soil erosion, managing runoff, and providing micro-habitats. However, this ancient technique is disappearing due to a lack of knowledge transfer and a shortage of qualified craftsmen. Without maintenance, historic terraces across Montalbano and beyond risk permanent degradation. Furthermore, in an era of climate change, the vital connection between these stone structures and local water management is often overlooked.

THE SOLUTION

This project addressed the loss of this artisanal heritage by organising a professional training course dedicated to dry stone wall construction and restoration. Coordinated by Tuscany Environment Foundation in collaboration with Associazione Biodistretto del Montalbano, International Terraced Landscapes Alliance (ITLA) and Italian School of Dry Stone walling, the initiative revived an endangered craft. Beyond teaching traditional dry stone wall construction, the project included a dedicated seminar on rainwater management, landscape analysis, and climate adaptation, helping participants understand the role of these structures in improving water resilience and reducing hydrogeological risk.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Dry-Stone Wall Construction Training
- Water Management Seminar
- Initiate the process for formal recognition of dry-stone craftsmanship by partnering with ITLA Italia training institution

LONG-TERM IMPACT

By restoring the capacity to build dry stone structures, the project aims to ensure the long-term stability and hydrogeological safety of Tuscany's terraced landscapes. These traditional skills help mitigate extreme weather, preserve rural identity and support biodiverse habitats. Furthermore, it will establish a replicable educational model to train future generations of landscape custodians across Italy.



IMPACT BOX



40 hours dedicated to the Dry-Stone Construction Techniques Course; 6 hours of classroom theory; **2 hours** of theory and practical instruction on construction site safety; **32 hours** of hands-on field training

9 trainees.

6 experts involved in the theoretical and practical lessons, and **2 artisans** supporting the practical training activities.



A **workshop** and lecture on water management with **over 50 participants** and key institutional and territorial stakeholders

BLUEFISHERS II

Project duration: 09/2025 – 03/2026

Amount: € 9.000

Grantee: Marevivo

**In collaboration with: Alta Marea
fishing cooperative**

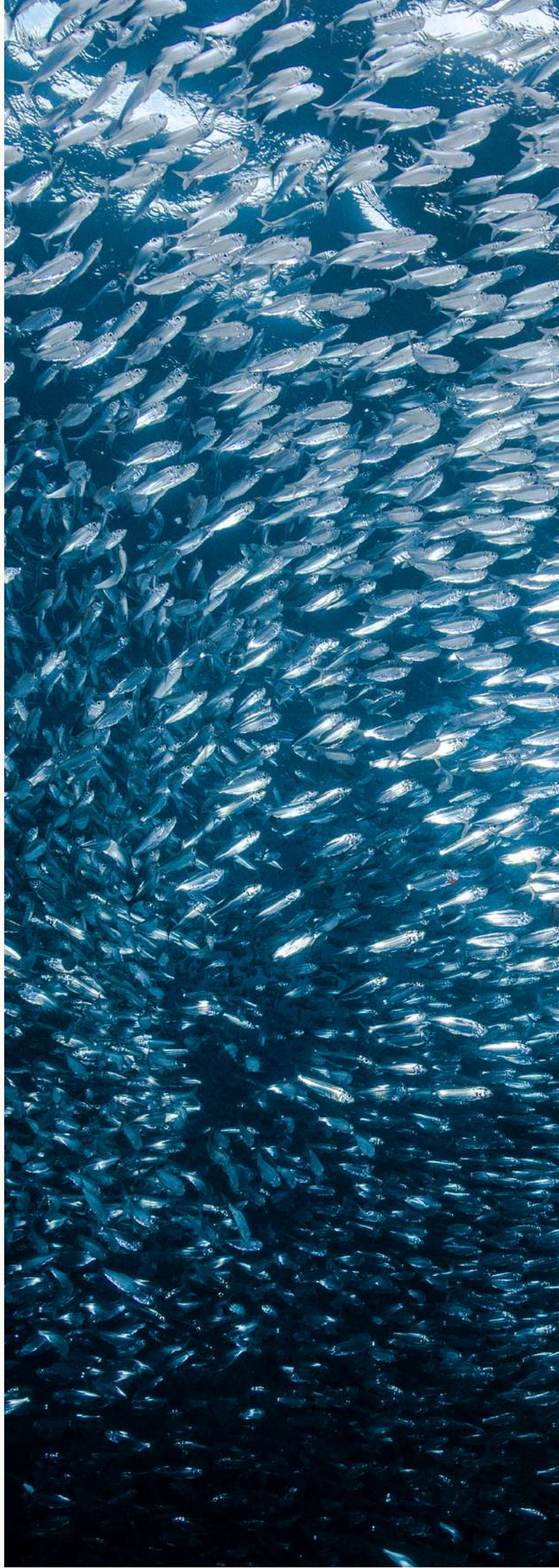
Location: Marina di Carrara

THE CHALLENGE

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) is a damaging single-use plastic in marine environments. Fragile and prone to dispersion, it disintegrates into microfragments mistaken for food by marine life. In the seafood sector, Italy holds a poor European record, using an estimated 50 million disposable polystyrene boxes every year to transport fish. Addressing this source of marine litter is urgent, requiring scalable circular alternatives that target local supply chains.

THE SOLUTION

Following a successful pilot phase in Viareggio (October 2023 - March 2024) - where 2,320 reusable crates were distributed to 70 artisanal fishermen operating 58 small boats, replacing 35,000 polystyrene boxes and preventing an estimated 35 billion microplastics from entering the sea - the Bluefishers campaign expanded to Marina di Carrara. Marevivo mitigated plastic pollution by introducing durable circular alternatives directly to the artisanal fleet. Working with the Alta Marea fishing cooperative, the project engaged local fishermen as protagonists of change, replacing single-use polystyrene boxes with reusable, fully recyclable alternatives. The choice of small-scale artisanal fishers stems from the fact that the catch is sold directly at the pier, avoiding the issue of having to return the reusable crate to the fisherman.





PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Delivery of reusable boxes
- Direct involvement of artisanal fishermen
- Awareness Campaign on marine litter (meetings and distribution of informational materials), driving press actions, dialogue with local institutions (municipalities and port authorities) .

LONG-TERM IMPACT

Replacing fragile, non-recyclable single-use polystyrene boxes with durable, reusable polypropylene crates helps prevent millions of microplastics from entering the marine environment and food chain. The project provides a practical and replicable example that can inform broader regional and national efforts to phase out single-use polystyrene packaging in the fisheries sector.

IMPACT BOX

Delivery of **550 reusable and fully recyclable polypropylene “DuWo” boxes**, fully compliant with EU food safety standards, to the participating fleet



Involvement of **11 artisanal fishing boats** and **15 local fishermen** that have successfully abandoned or drastically reduced the use of polystyrene, join the 70 previously involved in Viareggio

4 local institutions advocated (Municipality of Marina di Carrara, Marina di Carrara Port Authority, North-West Tuscany Chamber of Commerce, Port System Authority of the Eastern Ligurian Sea)



X-POLLI:NATION

Project duration: 04/2025 – 03/2026

Amount: € 8.000

**Grantee: Silva Società Cooperativa
In collaboration with: Museum of Natural History of Maremma, the Botanical Gardens of Siena, the Universities of Siena, Florence, and Pisa, and MuSe – the Science Museum of Trento**

THE CHALLENGE

Pollinators (such as bees, bumblebees, butterflies and hoverflies) are vital for biodiversity and agriculture, supporting the reproduction of many plant species and contributing to the resilience of ecosystems and food production. However, they face increasing threats from habitat loss, urbanisation, intensive agricultural practices, and climate change. Tuscany, and Italy more broadly, still face significant knowledge gaps regarding pollinator distribution, with limited systematic monitoring and incomplete data coverage for many species. Improving biodiversity monitoring and data collection is essential to better understand population trends and inform effective conservation.

THE SOLUTION

This project brought science out of the lab and into the community by turning schools, young people, families, local residents, and public and private partners into essential actors in conservation. Led by Silva Cooperativa, the X-Polli:Nation project encourages communities to transform local green spaces into thriving, pollinator-friendly havens promoting native plants and more sustainable land management practices. By engaging participants in educational campaigns and simple, standardised biodiversity counts - such as regularly observing and recording the presence and variety of pollinator species - citizens became the eyes and ears of researchers, turning everyday observations into valuable scientific data. The project also worked with residents, farmers, and public institutions in Grosseto, to promote pollinator-friendly practices, including reduced mowing and pesticide use, the creation and protection of native habitats, and greater understanding of the importance of seasonality for trimming vegetation.



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PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Events at Maremma Park, Florence Botanical Garden and Parco del Diversivo
- Guided night excursions with a naturalist
- Project monitoring network integrated into Maremma Park guided tours
- School workshops
- Workshop for agritourisms with Cinigiano Municipality
- Strategic meetings with Grosseto Municipality for reduced-mowing zones.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

By sharing tools among citizens, scientists, and authorities, the project created a scalable monitoring framework. Behavioural shifts ensure sustainable land management, securing a living network of interconnected habitats across Tuscany.





More than
400 students
involved in
Tuscany



Events in 3 parks and 3
night hikes, involving
more than
200
people



15 agritourisms
involved for
sustainable
practices



8 teachers
trained on
biodiversity
monitoring



600
people (estimated)
reached during
Maremma Park
guided tours





LOOKING AHEAD

A snapshot of projects awarded in
2026 and currently underway





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S.T.A.R. – SEA TURTLE ACTION & RESEARCH

Project duration: 06/2026 – 05/2027

Amount: € 5,500

Grantee: TartAmare

Location: The coastline stretching across the provinces of Grosseto and Livorno, spanning over 200km

THE CHALLENGE

Loggerhead sea turtles nesting along the Tuscan coast often choose sites which host high numbers of tourists. Intensive summer tourism, coastal infrastructure, and inadequate beach management practices regularly disrupt nesting events and reduce reproductive success. Operationally, this project marks an exciting new chapter in TEF's long-standing partnership with the Sea Turtle Rescue Centre. Over the years, this shared journey has allowed tartAmare's activities to grow significantly. Today, the Centre is a thriving hub of action: from rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing injured sea turtles back into the wild, to hosting environmental education programmes with schools, and coordinating dedicated volunteer networks that monitor and protect nesting beaches all summer long.

THE SOLUTION

This initiative integrates citizen science, scientific research assistance, and conservation through four complementary pillars: action, communication, education, and participation. The project strengthens TartAmare's permanent scientific and rehabilitative infrastructure by equipping the rescue centre with a medical-grade refrigerator, an ultra-low temperature freezer for storing biological and genetic samples, and a specialised

rehabilitation tank to improve the recovery and well-being of injured sea turtles.

In addition to these investments, the project works on the collection and transmission of biological and environmental data to national research networks. It also provides technical nesting kits, operational manuals, and targeted training for municipalities, beach managers, and fishermen. By combining improved infrastructure, scientific data collection, and stakeholder engagement for the collaborative management of coastal zones, the project aligns with the authorisation received from the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (MASE) and Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) for turtle monitoring.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Strengthening the rescue centre's educational, scientific and rehabilitative infrastructure
- Standardised data collection and reporting
- Distributing nesting kits and operational manuals, delivering targeted training and hosting the final dissemination event.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

The specialised refrigeration units and rehabilitation tank will remain the permanent property of TartAmare, supporting ongoing activities, care, and rescue for years to come. The distribution of technical kits will help standardise beach management practices among local administrations and private beach resorts. Ultimately, this investment aims to consolidate TartAmare as a permanent technical reference point along the Tuscan coast, sustaining a lasting network of shared institutional governance for the long-term protection of sea turtle populations.

By day, they are teachers, students, engineers, biologists, parents... but at dawn they patrol the beaches of the Maremma coast in search of sea turtle tracks and they watch over nests until the hatchlings emerge.

After hours of searching, the TartAmare volunteers locate a loggerhead turtle nest at Cala degli Aranci, on the Tuscan coast. Due to the tendency of this beach to flood during storms and the presence of a *Posidonia oceanica* banquette, which could increase the risk of embryo asphyxiation, they agree that the nest must be relocated.

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T.A.L.A.M.O.N.E

Project duration: 06/2025 – 12/2026

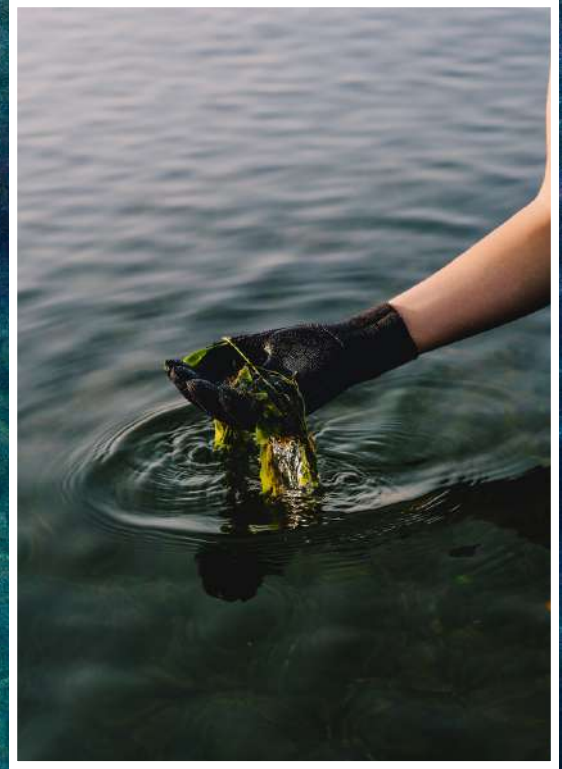
Amount: € 9,500

Grantee: Bioscience Research Center (BsRC)

Location: Talamone Bay (Grosseto, Tuscany)

THE CHALLENGE

The coastal and marine waters of the Maremma and the Tuscan Archipelago are currently facing severe human pressures. Climate change and a general lack of environmental awareness are damaging critical underwater habitats, particularly in *Posidonia oceanica* meadows. This ecosystem, essential for carbon sequestration, coastal erosion control, and biodiversity, is increasingly threatened by boat anchoring, water pollution, and climate change.



THE SOLUTION

This project turns field-based marine research into a practical tool for environmental management and civic engagement. Led by the BsRC alongside local institutions, the initiative recognises that the health of marine ecosystems is closely linked to community awareness, sustainable resource use and local well-being. Citizens, tourists, and schools will be actively involved in several activities, such as sampling and analysis of beach sediment, flash mobs dedicated to removing rubbish from the seabed and marine biology lessons for recreational divers.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Scientific monitoring of *Posidonia oceanica* meadows
- Permanent training workshops, including summer training activities on marine seed producing plants
- Coastal excursions and citizen science activities
- Educational outreach through targeted environmental communication, including a custom-designed educational comic series.
- Structured educational pathways in the schools
- Production of guidelines for tourists with the collaboration of the harbour's master office
- Involvement of local fishermen and restaurateurs for the promotion of sustainable fish
- Final scientific conference and awareness events: A closing public convention dedicated to *Posidonia oceanica* meadows and art-based awareness activities (e.g., live painting).

LONG-TERM IMPACT

By bridging professional research with community-led science, the project will establish a replicable model for regional coastal management. Beyond gathering ecological data, the project will build a lasting local collaboration network. This ensures that the community itself becomes the primary guardian of Talamone Bay, safeguarding its marine ecosystem for the future.

WEAVING WETLANDS: ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE FOR LIVING ECOSYSTEMS

Project duration: 03/2026 – 02/2028

Amount: € 10.400

Grantee: Amici del Padule di Fucecchio and Intrecci Onlus

In collaboration with: LIPU – Pistoia section

Location: Padule di Fucecchio and Sibolla Lake (Florence and Pistoia)

THE CHALLENGE

For centuries, the delicate wetlands of Padule di Fucecchio and Lago di Sibolla were naturally preserved through the traditional, sustainable harvesting and weaving of sedges (*Carex elata* and *Carex riparia*). The collapse of this local craft due to modern industrialisation has led to a dual crisis: the ecological degradation of these critical bird and plant habitats due to lack of traditional management, and the loss of traditional ecological knowledge.

THE SOLUTION

This project implements a nature-based solution, supporting the supply chain of marsh plant harvesting. The project transforms historical cultural practices into active environmental management, using traditional knowledge to guide the management and use of these invasive grasses, support the ecological balance of the nation's largest inland wetland, and pass down the art of weaving with dried marsh plants. The project also integrates social inclusion by involving people with disabilities and vulnerable individuals in harvesting and weaving workshops, demonstrating that habitat restoration and community participation can go hand in hand.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- 8 sustainable harvesting sessions
- 10 marsh plant weaving workshops
- Active engagement, social inclusion, and skill-building for individuals with disabilities
- 4 ethnobotanical guided tours
- Setting up a dedicated facility to store and naturally dry the harvested materials for year-round use.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

The reduction of synthetic materials through the promotion of local, natural alternatives is accompanied by an improvement in the ecosystem balance of the Fucecchio Marshes and Lake Sibolla. The project aims to ensure that the traditional custodians of these waters leave a living and functional ecosystem as a legacy to a fully aware, engaged, and inclusive community.



1 Sustainable harvesting session © Alessio Bartolini

2 Marsh plant weaving workshop © Laura Salaris

3 The view from the Faunistic Observatory in the Padule di Fucecchio Nature Reserve © Alessio Bartolini

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ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board is a panel of scientific and technical experts, with deep knowledge and proven experience in TEF's Areas of Interest. TEF's Advisory Board is there to provide ad hoc support to the foundation's team and partners to maximise impact, including when designing and reviewing projects, or to provide guidance directly to grantees. The Advisory Board members are all volunteers.



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OUR NETWORK



Tuscany Environment Foundation is a member of Conservation Collective, a global network of over 20 locally-focused environmental foundations funding effective grassroots initiatives that protect the environment, restore nature, and safeguard against climate change. The network connects members, unifying their voice, sharing knowledge, best practice and creating efficiencies. Conservation Collective's central team unlocks capital, empowers local action, and drives measurable nature recovery.

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