

# MEDITERRANEAN ALLIANCE FOR WETLANDS



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# The Mediterranean Alliance for Wetlands

## in a few words...

The Mediterranean Alliance for Wetlands is a partnership arrangement among NGOs and research organisations dedicated to mobilizing civil society towards the sustainable use of wetlands.

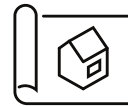
### It links Mediterranean actors through:

- Exchanging and sharing knowledge
- Capacity building
- Advocacy actions

### Action types



Red Alert System



Microprojects



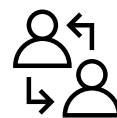
Training modules



Peer to peer communication



Information exchange meetings



Exchange of best practices

started in

**2017**

**27**  
**members**

until today

**15**

countries  
until now

# Alliance's mission and objectives

*“The Mediterranean Alliance for Wetlands aims to raise collectively the profile of wetlands in the Mediterranean society at large and in particular in national, regional and international policy through the promotion of their sustainable use, based on innovation and evidence based best practices as catalysts for change.”*

## To achieve its mission, the Alliance has the following goals:

- **Exchange and share** in a multidirectional manner between the members of the Alliance available knowledge, sources, experiences, best practices, information on model sites, etc...
- **Build the capacity of the wider civil society** so that they can become more effective in actions related to wetland management and conservation.
- **Effectively link local, national, regional and international actors for initiatives** through innovative concrete joint actions on prioritized policy and strategic topics.
- **Increase the public profile of wetlands through joint communication** using scientific knowledge and concerted messages around the value of wetlands, their multiple advantages and benefits they provide to people and the potential solutions they hold in the face of global change, including climate change.



# The Alliance and MAVA

The MAVA Foundation for Nature has established as one of its priorities the development of an innovative and effective conservation community. It has done this in the Mediterranean, bringing together its main partners and beneficiaries.

With the cessation of its activities approaching at the end of 2022, MAVA wants to ensure that this "conservation community" exists and is functional beyond its existence. To this end, the MAVA expects certain partners to take the lead on platforms or networks whose focus would be thematic or geographical.

At the same time, civil society has experienced a strong development in various countries in the Mediterranean, with many cases requiring a great need for capacity building in technical, communication and organizational fields to build their professionalism. Furthermore, there is a strong need for the support of the international community to help increase awareness of the value of Nature.

Considering this context, a number of national and international NGOs, as well as research organisations, donors and the MedWet Secretariat, met in October 2016 under the request of MAVA in order to discuss how to better engage the civil society, raise its voice and responsibility for the conservation and wise use of wetlands.

In January 2017 they decided to establish the "Mediterranean Alliance for Wetlands", a partnership arrangement among NGOs and scientific organisations dedicated to mobilizing the civil society towards the sustainable use of wetlands.

The Alliance intends to contribute to the effective conservation of Mediterranean wetlands and the wise use of their resources, values and services together with civil society. The Alliance has its own governance scheme and retain its autonomy; it has a flexible mechanism and openness to collaborate with other partnerships and consortiums that aims to protect Nature in the Mediterranean and improve the livelihoods of local communities.





# The Red Alert System

**The Red Alert System** was created to sound the alarm **when a wetland is in danger** in the Mediterranean Basin due to various direct threats such as residential and commercial development, energy production and mining, transportation & service corridors, and natural system modifications.

The current mechanisms (Ramsar, MedWet, National policies...) don't allow to stop wetlands destruction linked to development projects. Therefore the engagement of a large consortium of CSOs including major actors may have a weight in decision processes.

**Some Red Alert launched since 2017**

**Vjosa, Albania**



**Erimitis, Greece**

To know more in detail, please read "Red Alert System" document [here](#)



# THE RED ALERT SYSTEM

## THREAT DETECTION



Any civil society organization that wants to request the support of the international community to protect a wetland under a threat that needs the attention of the civil society, media and decision makers can apply to activate the Red Alert System of the Alliance for the Mediterranean Wetlands threat.

## APPLICATION



Contact a member of the Alliance by email: [medallianceforwetlands@gmail.com](mailto:medallianceforwetlands@gmail.com), fill and send back the form provided

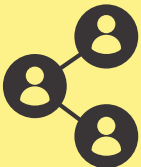
## EVALUATION AND ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



### Evaluation of application

The Steering Committee (SC) of the Alliance will evaluate the application and may ask for more detailed data and/or an online meeting with the applicant.

 15 days to complete



### Setting up a task force

The SC will ask its members to form a task force of at least three people to work on the case. The applicant will be part of the task force and the main responsible of developing the strategy.

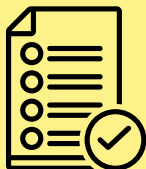
 20 days to complete



### Setting up a Strategy

The task force will meet online and prepare a draft engagement strategy with the applicant and send it to the SC for approval.

 20 days to complete



### Approval of the Strategy


The SC will circulate the strategy among the members to ask for their approval and possible use of their signatures and logos.

 10 days to complete

## MONITORING



The Alliance will monitor the site and support/adapt the actions agreed in the Strategy. The case will be brought to the public's attention through the appropriate media channels (press, social media, petitions, etc...).

 1 year to complete



# A network to exchange knowledge and best practices

## Training modules

for the development of strategies to protect mediterranean wetlands

- **Restoration of wetlands through water dynamics**
- **Advocacy campaigns for wetlands**
- **Development of environmental education programs on wetlands**
- **Threat management of wetlands**
- **Creation of national/local wetlands observatories**
- **Training of trainers**

## Microprojects

for the management and sustainable development of wetlands

- **Creation of regional observatories**
- **Capacity building of local people and local NGOs on wetlands**
- **Restoration projects of wetlands**
- **Creation of visitors centre**
- **Environmental risk assesment**
- **Short films**

and much more...

**16**  
**microprojects**  
+  
**9**  
**training modules**  
since 2017





# Our members



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## **For further details**

- [Chart of Collaboration of the Alliance](#)
- [Terms of Reference of the Alliance](#)
- [Red Alert System and Application form](#)
- [Facebook page](#)

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