



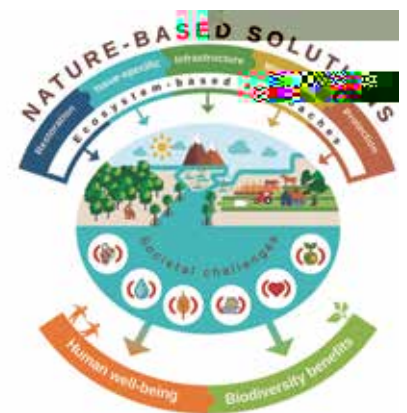
implemented in the Mediterranean through and improving of ecosystems such as forests, wetlands and seagrass meadows, can help communities to address the climate and crisis and in a post Covid19 era.

and other types of vegetation help lower air temperature in urban areas or stabilise slopes. can regulate foods and sea level rise. Coastal vegetation and natural features such as and systems can provide protection against storm surges and strong winds. practices can enhance food production.

Nature-based Solutions also aim to generate and new in a fair and equitable way.

Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are defined as “actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits” (IUCN, 2016).

IUCN has been leading a collaborative effort in designing the



¹ Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025

² MedECC (2019): A preliminary assessment of risk associated to climate and environmental changes in the Mediterranean region by the MedECC network in collaboration with decision-makers

³ IUCN, 2018

⁴ Ecosystem profile (2017)

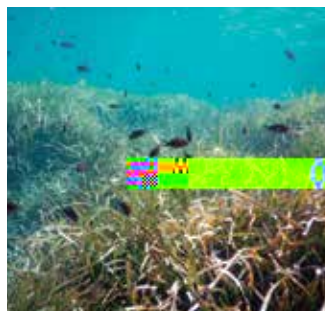
⁵ UNEP/MAP (2013) State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment, UNEP/MAP - Barcelona Convention, Athens

⁶ Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (2008). Biodiversity and Agriculture: Safeguarding Biodiversity and Securing Food for the World. Montreal

Aligned with the IUCN Global Programme, IUCN-Med's strategy advocates for of and sectors such as agriculture, forestry, and areas as coastal and marine environment & climate change, and in urban environments.

We aim to support as to improve local communities and ecosystems resilience by:

- Promoting the NbS standard in Mediterranean, including in NbS.
- Supporting the deployment and uptake of NbS in the
- Enhancing the framework conditions for Nature-based Solutions at including



- To apply the NbS concept framework and standards to improve in projects of climate change adaptation and mitigation in
- To develop local NbS clusters of public and private stakeholders in to promote concrete applications in several countries urban areas.
- To enhance the role that NbS can have on improving and
- To integrate NbS measures within in pilot North African countries.
- To apply NbS to agricultural landscapes to ensure food security and maintenance of



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