



Our Mini Project
in the **Specially
Protected Area
of Mediterranean
Importance
(SPAMI)**

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SPAMI day
15 April

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**Empowering
environmental
education at Tyre
Coast Nature
Reserve: A
sustainable
approach for
conservation
and awareness**
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Where

Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (TCNR) is a **marine and coastal protected area covering 380 ha**, with the largest sandy beach in Lebanon. It is a significant breeding ground for endangered Mediterranean Loggerhead and Green turtles, and serves as a feeding spot for migratory waders. The reserve is home to a unique community of sand dunes flora and fauna. There is also a wetland area with non-halophyte plants.

What to Expect

The project aims to promote and raise awareness of the natural, ecological, cultural, archaeological, and historical resources of the TCNR. The project includes educational activities for students, training sessions for fishers and divers, as well as the development of handmade items by women from the local community. The project also aims to increase the visibility of the reserve by the development of brochures, environmental games, and videos focusing on the main species of the area, such as **sea turtles, *Cystoseira* forests, and *Cymodocea nodosa***. The ultimate goal is to establish a sustainable ecotourism model and a citizen-science network to **protect and conserve the reserve's biodiversity**.

Partnerships and Resources

The mini project will be implemented by **Association for Preserving the Environment**, in collaboration with **TNCR** and the **Municipality of Tyre**. Funding will be provided in part by **SPA/RAC**, through the **SPAMI Twinning Programme**, implemented under the cooperation agreement between **UNEP/MAP-Secretariat of the Barcelona Convention** and the **Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security**.



Join Us

Join us in promoting and protecting the diverse natural and cultural heritage of TCNR.

Don't miss the celebration
on **15 April!**



Contact TNCR or Association for Preserving the Environment on how you can participate:

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