

# Internships in ProDunas



# 1 Day

There was a meeting with Mrs. Suzanne and Mr. Fernando. They told us briefly what the organization does and how, together with volunteers, they protect the dunes. We were also presented with the movie "There are no beaches without dunes". We also got books on dunes in marbella.

# 2 Day

After arriving at the dunes, we went with other volunteers to the place where it grows

Sabina (*Juniperus phoenicea turbinata*) and we started picking its fruits. After an hour of collecting, we went for a walk along the beach with the volunteers of the organization. During the walk, one of the volunteers told us about the history of the dune in Marbella, as well as the plants that grow in the dunes. During the walk, we encountered things that the sea washed ashore, such as:

- Algae
- Sea urchin
- Squid eggs





## 3 Day

There was a video interview on Teams with María Morán and Beatriz Guerrero. María gave us a PowerPoint presentation about the dunes. She told us about 10 dune zone between east Marbella and Cabopino. She also told us in depth about the flora and fauna in the dunes. The presentation also presented threats to the dunes divided into natural and caused by human activity. At the end of the presentation, María introduced us to the ways in which volunteers can help the organization.

## 4 Day



After arriving at the dunes, we had a meeting with an official from the city office with whom the ProDunas organization cooperates. After the meeting, together with other volunteers, we went to the place where The Highway Ice plant (*Carpobrotus edulis*) grows. Is a creeping, succulent plant. It spreads over large areas and has become an invasive exotic species in coastal areas such as our dunes.

Our task was to uproot all crops with the roots so that it would not spread further.



## 5 Day

We went to the event at **Natural Monument “Dunes of Artola”**. Where we were supposed to clean up the dune litter. Together with other volunteers we managed 150 kg of rubbish.



At the end of the event, a small snack was prepared for all participants.



## 6 Day

On the last day of our internship, we had to clean up the place where The Giant Reeds grew. Previously, they had already been pulled out by other volunteers and our task was to clean up the remains and stones in this place. After completing the task, we helped other volunteers to throw the Giant Reeds into the container. At the end, we were kindly said goodbye by all the volunteers. We also got a thank you.

