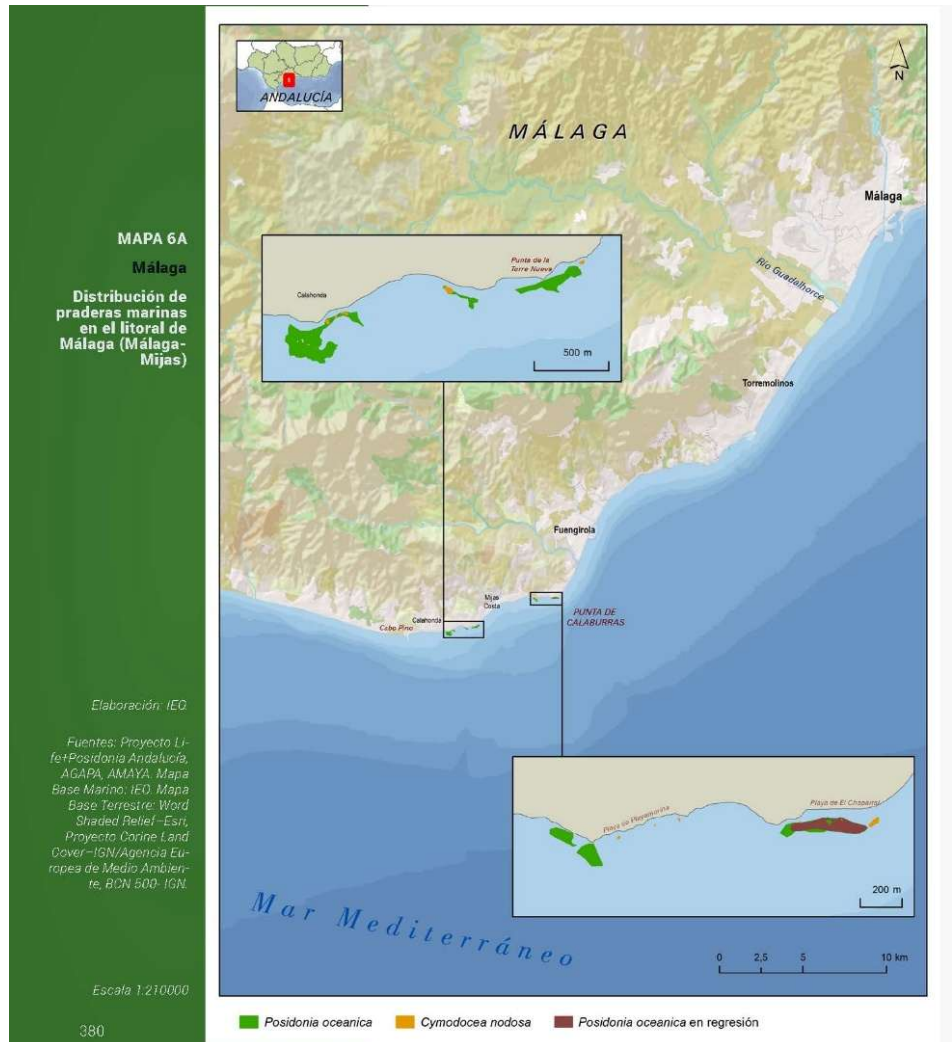


Marbella, April 2025

NEWSLETTER



SWIFTS, house martins and swallows are back in Marbella!

After their long migratory journey from southern Africa, these birds herald the arrival of spring by filling the sky with life and movement.

They are different species, but they are often confused with each other... and even with sparrows, who don't migrate but stay with us all year round. Of all of them, swifts are the true acrobats of the air: they eat, sleep, and even mate on the wing.

However, during the breeding season many chicks fall out of their nests and need intensive care to survive. ProDunas Marbella is looking for committed volunteers to feed these baby swifts every 4 hours until they fledge and are ready to take to the sky.

Would you like to help save a life?

Write to us at asociacion@produnas.org; and we'll tell you how to collaborate.



GREAT NEWS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF OUR DUNES!

From ProDunas Marbella we welcome the Las Chapas Deputy Mayor's Office to the Dune Sponsorship program for the Las Golondrinas dune.

This dune is located between the El Laurel and Tony's beach bars and belongs to an ancient dune ridge that, despite having suffered a significant degree of degradation, remains an enclave of great ecological value.

Thanks to this sponsorship, the key actions we have been able to plan include the removal of invasive species, comprehensive waste cleanup, and the monitoring of the natural regeneration of its native flora.

We greatly appreciate the commitment of the Las Chapas Deputy Mayor's Office to join us in the protection of our coastline. This partnership reinforces the importance of working together for a more sustainable future.

More information on our website: www.produnas.org



STUDENTS FROM ESSCA MÁLAGA ARRIVED IN THE MARBELLA DUNES

For two days, students from this prestigious French university worked with ProDunas Marbella in the conservation of the "Dunas de Artola" Natural Monument.

They removed invasive Giant Reeds, African Daisies, and collected up the accumulated trash on the elevated boardwalks that criss-cross this protected area.

Thank you for getting your hands dirty and for putting your hearts into this environmental work!





The Colegio Alemán comes back to Las Golondrinas dune area!

A few days ago, the Colegio Alemán began the rehabilitation of its sponsored dune: the Las Golondrinas dune, located between the El Laurel and Tonys Beach Restaurants.

On this first day, the students carried out a thorough cleaning... and boy! was it necessary! Plastic bags, flip-flops, and even an electric blender were some of the garbage removed.

A great team effort to restore this dune's natural balance.

Thank you for your commitment!

THE AFRICAN DAISY:

THIS IS AN INVASIVE PLANT, A TREAT TO THE INDIGENOUS FLORA OF OUR DUNE, DESPITE ITS BEAUTIFUL FLOWER.

In the "Dunas de Artola" Natural Monument we are witnessing an alarming proliferation of the African Daisy (*Arctotheca calendula*), a foreign invasive species that is rapidly extending its area of growth, threatening to displace the native flora.

But we are not alone in the fight to get rid of it.

Thanks to the commitment of schoolchildren from the various local schools, who have been taking an active part in our conservation program in recent weeks, and to the tireless work of the Tuesday Volunteers, who put all their efforts and dedication into this work, we are making steady progress in controlling; even eradicating this invasive plant.

Every day counts. Every plant removed is a victory for our dunes.

Thank you for being part of this collective effort!

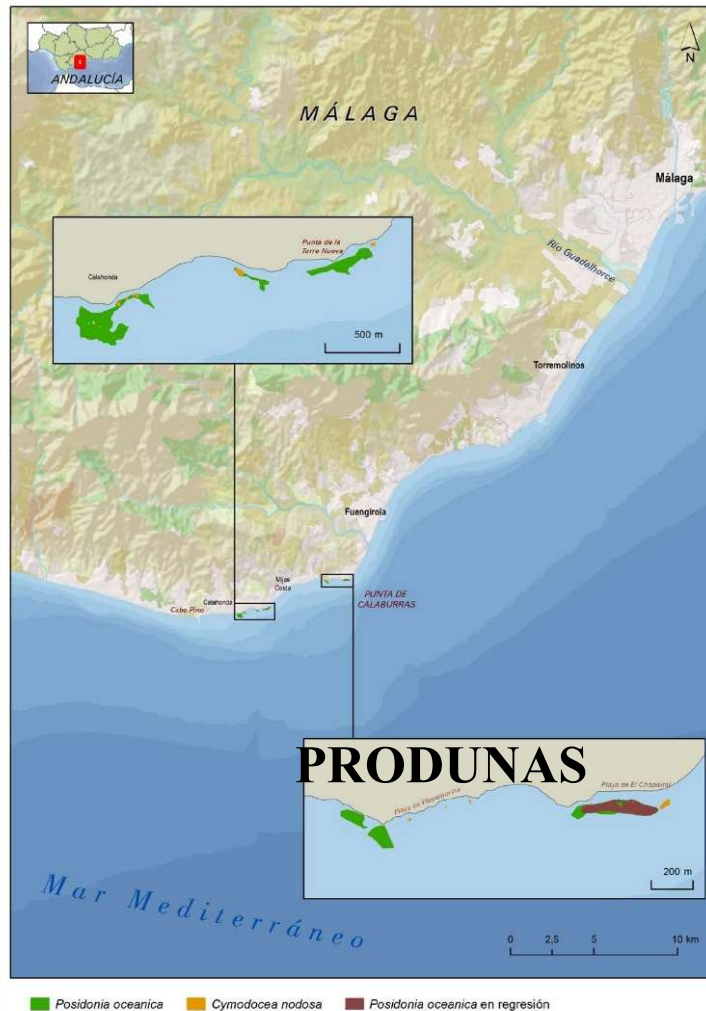


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IN THE ATLAS OF ANDALUSIA; MARBELLA IS NAMED OFFICIAL SOURCE AND MANAGER OF A NEW POSIMED STATION

Two bits of good news for the Seagrass Project:

- 1) **The next edition of the Atlas of Andalusia will include fully mapped.** Posidonia oceanica patches located in the sea off the Victor's Beach - Ancón beach area. Our thanks go to those who alerted us to the existence of these patches. They were the source of our information about the sea grasses. We especially salute the work of the sub-aqua volunteers who took part in the various Seagrass Project dives along the Marbella and Estepona coastline.
- 2) **A new POSIMED monitoring station in the Calahonda Special Conservation Zone** will be assigned to ProDunas Marbella—POS_39. This station will be our responsibility and will be managed by our Association, which will be responsible for monitoring it and carrying out periodic checks, always in direct and close coordination with the Regional Government of Andalusia.

This important achievement highlights the technical and scientific work we are carrying out and reaffirms the need to continue investing in marine research and conservation along our coast. We are continuing to make progress, thanks to everyone's efforts.



Back to the dunes with CEIP Juan Ramón Jiménez: Spring needs us!

After a month of rain... we finally welcomed spring by returning to the dunes!

We made the most of the first rain-free week: five full days of activities with schoolchildren! We love having you back.

But... the rain also left its mark: cane grass, false mimosa, African daisies... they've all sprouted vigorously and are waiting for us! Now we need you more than ever to keep caring for and protecting this valuable natural environment.

A before and after in Real de Zaragoza

We needed rain. And we got it! It was absolutely necessary for the survival of our natural environment... but these rains have also brought with them an unexpected explosion in the growth of false mimosa (*Acacia saligna*), just when we thought we had it under control.

In less than two months, more than 100 saplings have sprouted—a true invasion! But at ProDunas Marbella, we aren't giving up: thanks to the tireless commitment of our volunteers and with the loan of machinery we have managed to eradicate them.

The change in the environment is spectacular. What do you think?



SEE YOU IN MAY

