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# NEWSLETTER





### We're referring to LET'S CLEAN EUROPE DAY

and everyone who took part in it out in La Víbora Dune.

It was a very special day at La Víbora Dune. Volunteers and the Deputy Mayor's Office, the new sponsors of Las Golondrinas Dune, joined forces to clean up and care for this natural environment. The result? More than 50 kg of trash removed!

But that's not all! The most intrepid took on an extra mission: harvesting the juniper berries at their peak ripeness. This is a more complex task than it seems, as some of the *Juniperus macrocarpa* bushes had berries in three different states: unripe, ripe, and perfectly ripe. This turned out to be an exercise in observation and skill, as juniper leaves are spikey!

Thanks to everyone who took part - today Europe and Marbella are a little cleaner.





## Good news from the “Dunas de Artola” Natural Monument!

The damage to the boardwalks has been repaired: loose or missing boards, breaks in the slats, and all other damage have been fixed to ensure the safety of all boardwalk users.

At ProDunas Marbella, we appreciate the work carried out by the Mayor's Office in Las Chapas. This invaluable work helps keep this treasured natural environment safe and accessible to everyone.

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## TUESDAY'S VOLUNTEER DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The group of 9 volunteers, faithful to their weekly appointment with the dunes—they never miss a Tuesday—worked their hearts out in the area around Real de Zaragoza. This time, they had to eradicate Giant Reeds, African Daisies, and Castor Bean Plants manually, taking advantage of the last push before the summer heat.

Three friends of these Volunteers from the Mijas International Rotary Club came along, adding strength and energy to this important task. What a great team we all make!

A couple of weeks ago, thanks to the help of a machine, we got rid of branches and tree stumps. This time the manual effort is leaving its mark... and what a mark! The dune is becoming more and more spectacular, all thanks to your commitment and perseverance.

Thank you all so much.



## A WALK TO REMEMBER



The day of the great blackout across Spain will probably never be forgotten... but we're sure the students at the Dunas de Las Chapas School won't forget this day for another reason either: they had a 7 km walk from their school to the "Dunas de Artola" Natural Monument.

During the walk, they enjoyed the sea breeze while learning about the dune flora and fauna, the different phases of the dune system, and their ecological importance.

At ProDunas Marbella, we hope this day helped them understand and appreciate even more the need to protect and conserve these unique natural spaces.

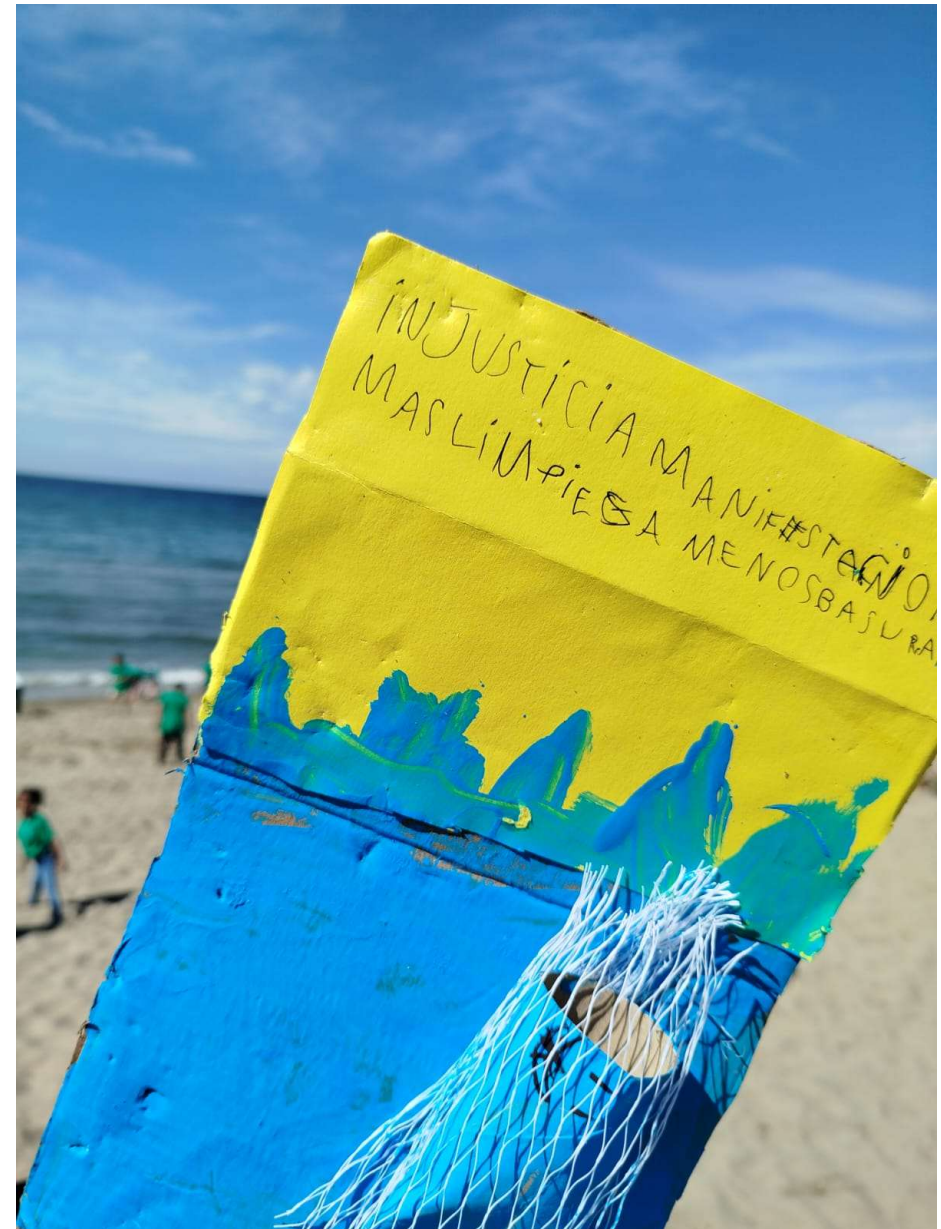


## A CLEAR MESSAGE FROM LITTLE HANDS

During one of our activities in the dunes, a great little artist left us speechless. He brought a poster he had made himself, with a clear and courageous message: "Injustice; more clean-ups, less litter."

This creativity and awareness should serve as a reminder that you are never too young to learn that the environment must be cared for.

Thank you for inspiring us and for caring for nature with such heart!







### **Perseverance defines us**

At ProDunas Marbella, we know that the fight against Foreign Invasive Species

(FIS) isn't won in a single day. The way forward is with perseverance and teamwork.

A few days ago, we went back to the area round Real de Zaragoza, where there were some Giant Reeds that we had been targeting for some time. And yes, we managed to eradicate them.

The challenge? When we got there, we found regrowth both of Castor Oil plants and False Mimosa. Once again, it was time to get to work.

Working with nature never ceases. Our volunteers' work makes all the difference.

Thank you for never giving up. Let's keep going!

SEE YOU IN JUNE!

