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NEWSLETTER



A full day at the Natural Monument “Dunas de Artola”!

IES Río Verde carried out a great clean-up effort in our dune ecosystem. During the walk and trash collection, we had some unexpected visitors! A group of six wild boars curiously approached to observe the activity.

Thank you for your commitment and for helping to keep this natural environment clean and protected. This is how we care for Marbella’s environmental heritage!



Scopoli's Shearwater spotted on our coast

From ProDunas Marbella, we are pleased to share an article published on the blog *Aves de Marbella*, dedicated to a very special visitor to our coast: the Scopoli's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*), one of the most iconic seabirds of the Mediterranean.

The text and images are by our collaborator and bird expert, Juan Caracuel, who once again brings us closer—with rigor and sensitivity—to the fascinating world of local birdlife.

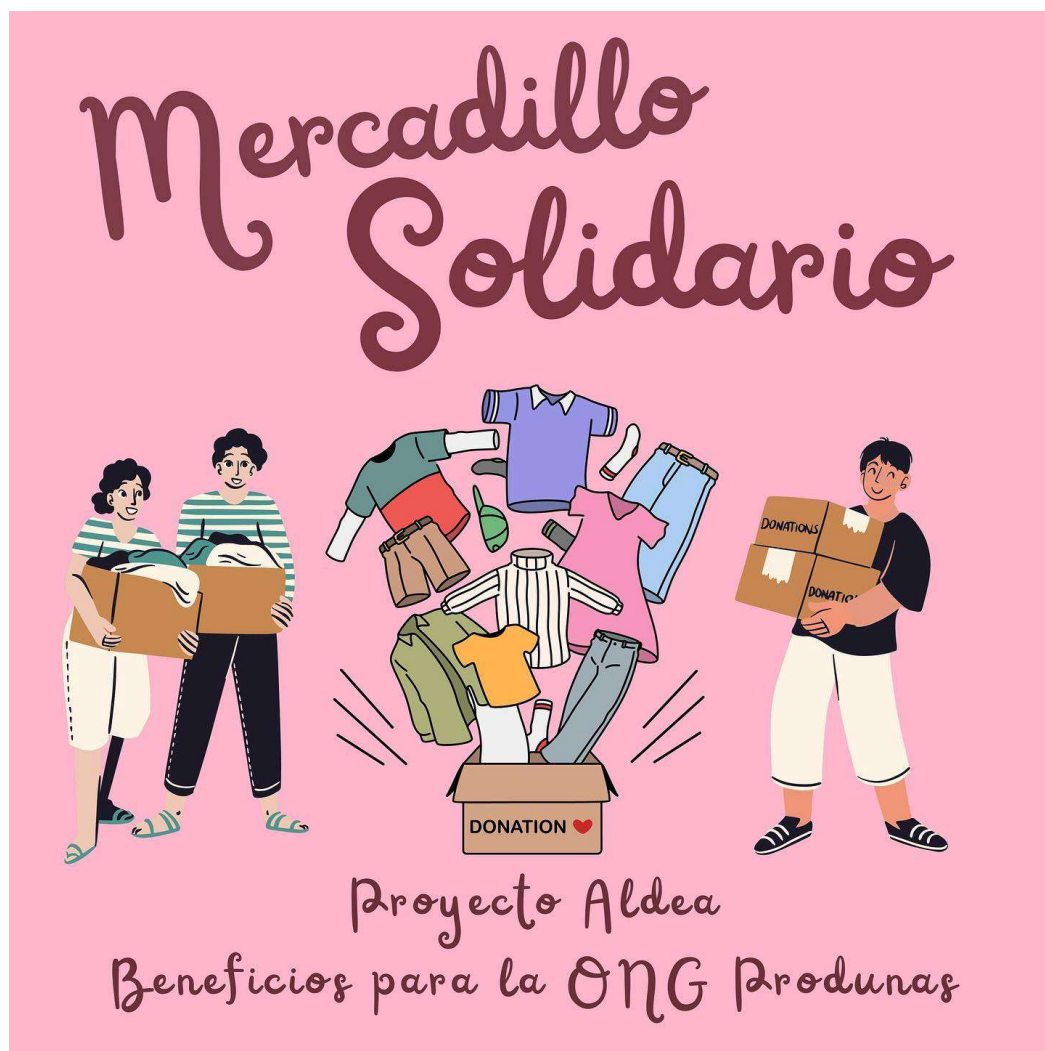
In his article, Juan discusses the biology, behavior and threats faced by this species and highlights the importance of continuing to protect our natural areas so that birds like the Scopoli's shearwater can keep flying over our shores.

Read the full article here: <https://avesdemarbella.blogspot.com/2025/05/pardela-cenicienta-en-nuestra-costa.html>

Thank you, Juan, for your tireless work in observation and environmental education.



For the second year in a row, IES Dunas de las Chapas has donated the money raised at their charity market to ProDunas Marbella. Actions like these show that even small gestures can help change the world. Heartfelt thanks to the students and teachers for this gift filled with commitment and environmental awareness!



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION DAY WITH THE PABLO DEL SAZ HIGH SCHOOL IN REAL DE ZARAGOZA



A few days ago we spent an enriching time with the Pablo del Saz High School students, dedicated to learning environmental awareness, and the eradication of Foreign Invasive Species (FIS) in the Real de Zaragoza dune area.

During the activity, we removed Highway Ice plant (*Carpobrotus edulis*); an FIS that threatens the ecological balance of our dunes.

Thanks to the commitment of the students and teachers in the Dune Sponsorship "Program for Schoolchildren, we continue to inculcate active and responsible environmental awareness, which is the key to protecting and conserving our coastline.

Wild Boards on the Beach

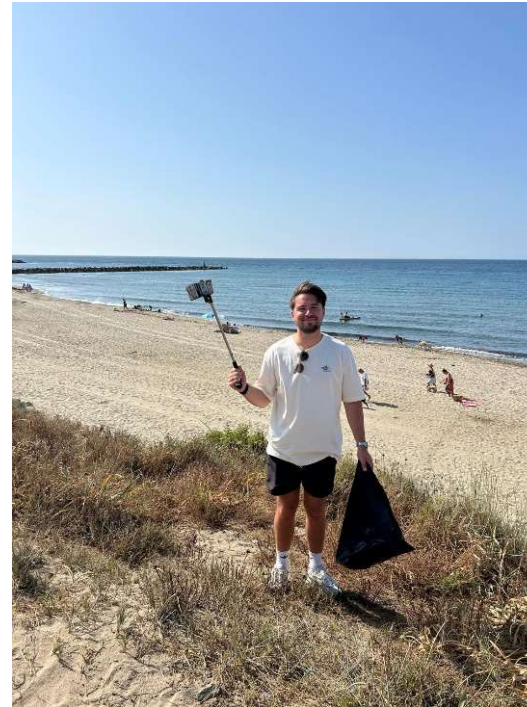
An unexpected visit to the beach

A few days ago, nature gave us a scene as surprising as it was heartwarming. A small group of **wild boards** appeared on the beach and in the dunes, calm and without any intention of causing harm. They were simply looking for water and food.

But the most surprising thing happened next: a stray dog (with no visible owner) approached them... and instead of barking or being scared, it started playing with them! The youngest boards joined in, running along the shore as if they had known each other forever.

Moments like these remind us that in the heart of nature, there's also space for tenderness and unexpected harmony. From ProDunas Marbella, we continue working to ensure that encounters like this remain possible, in an environment where both people and animals can coexist.





European volunteers braving the heat and trash

Not even the heat could stop these five Cisco Systems employees, who took a break from their screens and desks to help clean the Natural Monument “Dunas de Artola”.

Coming from various parts of Europe, they collected up to 20 kg of waste! Including wet wipes, cigarette butts, plastics, and even abandoned clothing.

Thank you for your involvement and for helping conserve this valuable natural area.

CEIP Miguel Hernández returns to the dunes!

Throughout the month of June, all primary school students from CEIP Miguel Hernández visited the Real de Zaragoza section of the Ecological Reserve – Dunes of Marbella to take part in the eradication of the invasive species *Carpobrotus edulis* (commonly known as ice plant or pigface).

Thanks to the involvement of over 250 students, nearly all of the ice plant in this dune area was removed. An exemplary environmental education effort that shows how, step by step, younger generations are becoming key players in conserving our natural heritage.

See you next school year — we'll check then if any new invasive species have appeared. Have a great summer!



Young but mighty guardians of the dunes!

During the last two months of the school year, all primary students from CEIP Antonio Machado took part in our dune conservation days. Thanks to the awareness and motivation gained after the explanations from our monitors, they did a fantastic job removing the African Daisy (*Dimorphotheca*), an invasive plant that had grown vigorously this year following the heavy winter rains. Thank you for your commitment to nature!

We'll see you again in autumn, ready to keep protecting our dunes.



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