

# Strengthening the restoration of Mediterranean Wetlands for nature and people

Main deliverables from  
*Strategy 7 Supporting the Restoration of wetlands*  
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# The team



## A) Where, who, what to restore?

1. Survey of potential wetlands to be restored in the Mediterranean
2. Criteria to identify restoration priorities of Mediterranean wetlands
3. Portfolio of potential wetlands to be restore across the Mediterranean
4. App citizen science to identify wetlands that needs to be restored

## B) How to promote, multiply, replicate, scale up restoration across the Mediterranean?

5. Factsheets of successful restoration activities
6. Policy paper for advocacy at EU level
7. Presentation of results to key decision makers at EU, national and regional level
8. Mediterranean wetland handbook of rules and standards for ecological restoration projects, to decision makers.

## C) How to improve capacity building and exchange of experiences?

9. Participation in the International Society of Ecological Restoration Congress in 2021 and 2022
10. Training workshop on 'Ecological wetland restoration' for wetland managers and practitioners
11. 4 online training webinars on 'Ecological wetland restoration'



## A) Where, who, what to restore?

### 1. Survey of potential wetlands to be restored in the Mediterranean (2021-2022)

265 responses of 224 wetland from 24 countries  
Total wetland area: 399,912 ha.



DOWNLOAD REPORT AND ACCESS THE ONLINE TOOL WITH ALL THE DATA:

[https://www.wwf.es/nuestro\\_trabajo/agua/humedales/potential\\_wetlands\\_to\\_be\\_restored\\_in\\_mediterranean\\_countries/](https://www.wwf.es/nuestro_trabajo/agua/humedales/potential_wetlands_to_be_restored_in_mediterranean_countries/)

| Name   | Region                                      | Country                |
|--|---|------------------------|
| 1. <a href="#">Alta Lagoon</a>                             | Western Balkan                              | Albania                |
| 2. <a href="#">Narta Lagoon</a>                            | Western Balkan                              | Albania                |
| 3. <a href="#">Mars de la Morte</a>                        | Marsora                                     | Algeria                |
| 4. <a href="#">Réserve Naturelle du Lac de Beni-Belaid</a> | Western Balkan                              | Algeria                |
| 5. <a href="#">Tombière du Lac Noir</a>                    | Western Balkan                              | Algeria                |
| 6. <a href="#">Wala Nasser</a>                             | Western Balkan                              | Algeria                |
| 7. <a href="#">Hudouk Elato</a>                            | Wilaya de Jijel (Commune Khiri Oued Adjouj) | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 8. <a href="#">Hudouk Elato</a>                            | El Tarf                                     | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 9. <a href="#">Hudouk Elato</a>                            | Algeria                                     | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 10. <a href="#">Lavanika polje</a>                         | Balkans (sub)Mediterranean                  | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 11. <a href="#">Luznjacko polje</a>                        | Herzegovina                                 | Croatia                |
| 12. <a href="#">Bačinska jezera</a>                        | Balkan                                      | Croatia                |
| 13. <a href="#">Biltoce</a>                                | Kanton 10                                   | Croatia                |
| 14. <a href="#">Bilto - polje</a>                          | West Bosnia                                 | Croatia                |
| 15. <a href="#">Delle</a>                                  | Dubrovnik-Neretva County                    | Croatia                |
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| 18. <a href="#">Izorno</a>                                 | Dubrovnik-Neretva County                    | Croatia                |
| 19. <a href="#">Izorno</a>                                 | Dubrovnik-Neretva County                    | Croatia                |
| 20. <a href="#">Izorno</a>                                 | NW Dalmatia - Island of Pag                 | Croatia                |
| 21. <a href="#">Korčula biot</a>                           | Zadar County                                | Croatia                |
| 22. <a href="#">Korčula biot</a>                           | Zadar County                                | Croatia                |
| 23. <a href="#">Korčula biot</a>                           | Primorsko-Goranska County                   | Croatia                |



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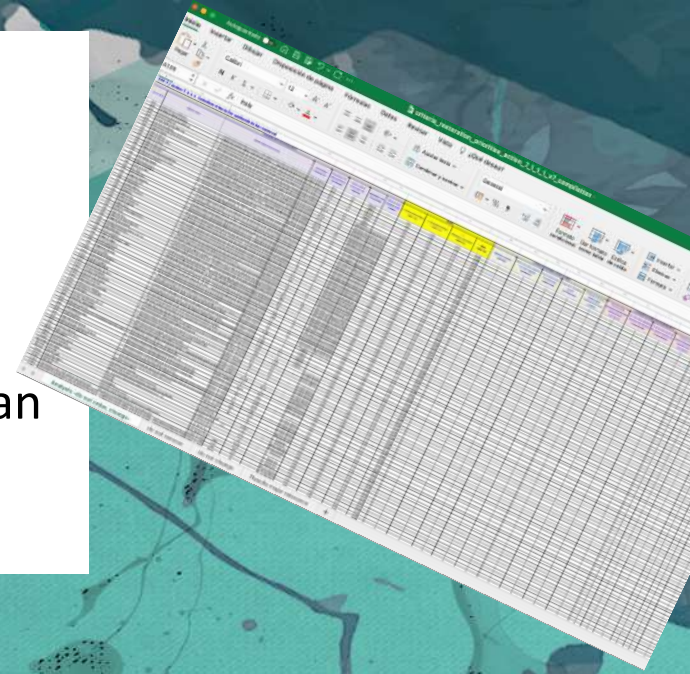


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### 2. Criteria to identify restoration priorities of Mediterranean wetlands

A set of criteria, indicators and scoring system to prioritise wetlands to be restored in the Mediterranean region have been designed.

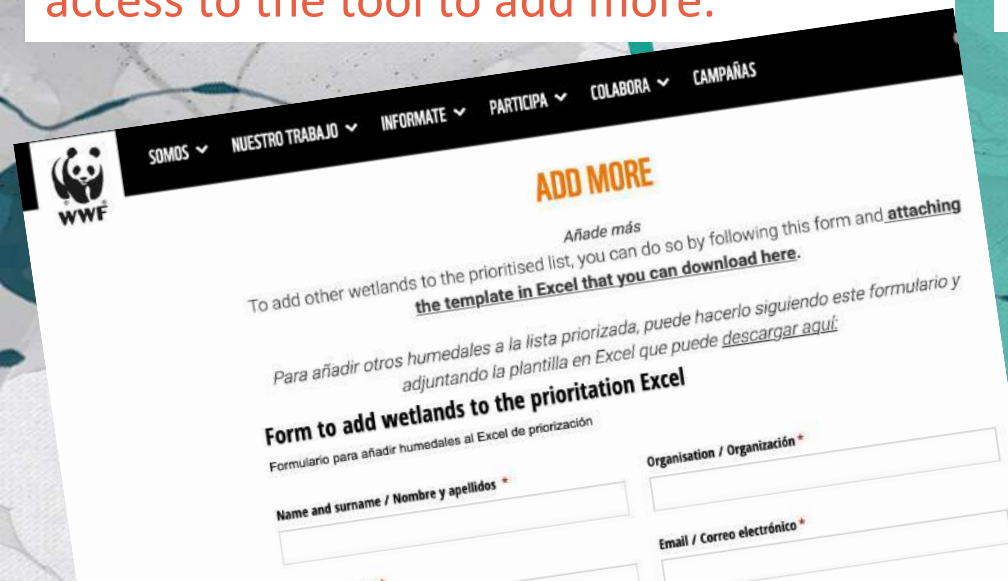
106 wetlands have been already being prioritised.



The image shows a screenshot of an Excel spreadsheet with multiple columns and rows, likely representing a list of wetlands and their restoration priorities. The spreadsheet is tilted and partially obscured by other elements in the image.

**DOWNLOAD** the current list of prioritised wetlands to be restore and access to the tool to add more.

[https://www.wwf.es/nuestro\\_trabajo/agua/humedales/criteria\\_to\\_identify\\_priority\\_wetlands\\_to\\_be\\_restored/](https://www.wwf.es/nuestro_trabajo/agua/humedales/criteria_to_identify_priority_wetlands_to_be_restored/)



The image shows a screenshot of the WWF website. The top navigation bar includes links for SOMOS, NUESTRO TRABAJO, INFORMATE, PARTICIPA, COLABORA, and CAMPAÑAS. The main content area features a section titled "ADD MORE" with the text "Añade más" and "To add other wetlands to the prioritised list, you can do so by following this form and attaching the template in Excel that you can download here." Below this, there is a form titled "Form to add wetlands to the prioritisation Excel" with fields for "Name and surname / Nombre y apellidos", "Email / Correo electrónico", and "Organisation / Organización".



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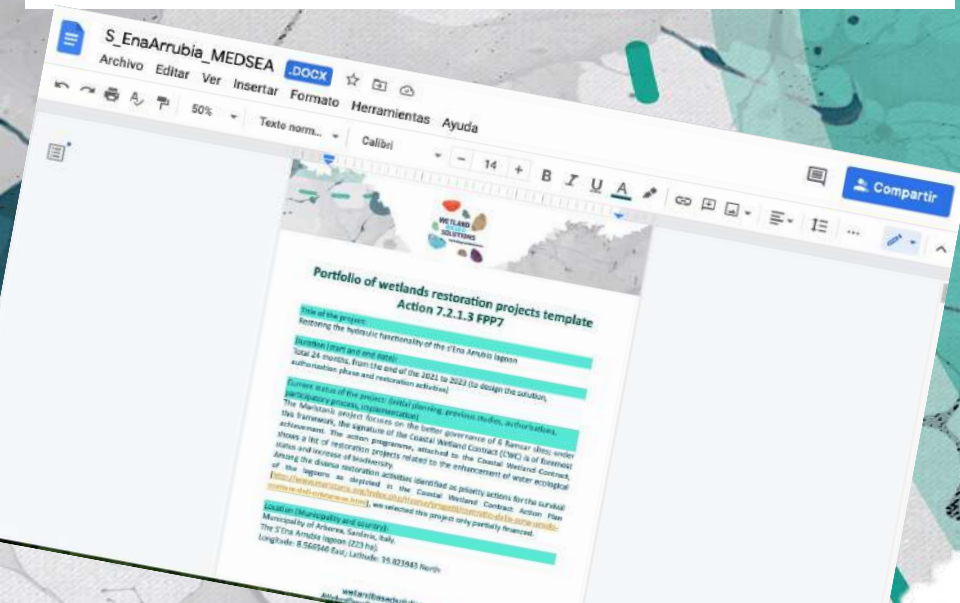
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### 3. Portfolio of potential wetlands to be restore across the Mediterranean

13 proposals of wetland restoration projects to be financed

**DOWNLOAD** the proposals from a Drive folder (request access previously)

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cacGumyh7c8OMSHteTmoUVM1CUeM2S6L?usp=sharing>



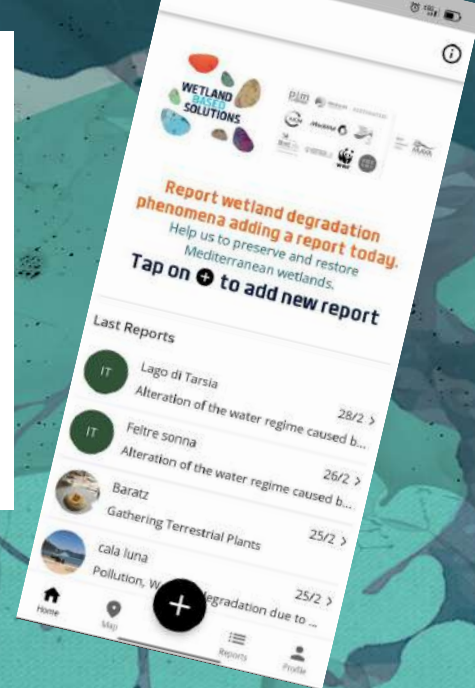
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4. App citizen science to identify wetlands that needs to be restored

Report wetland degradation phenomena adding a report through the app **MedWetland Watcher** (available for both Android and iPhone)



**DOWNLOAD** the app and report a degraded wetland!

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sanebiometrics.medwet&gl=US>



Select WetLand from the list:  
5 WetLands found. Zoom out on the map to cover a wider area.  
If the wetland you are looking for is not in the list add a new one.  
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- Kizilirmak Delta
- Vallee d'Ihrir
- Zones humides de Souss-Massa
- Lake Burullus
- Srebarna



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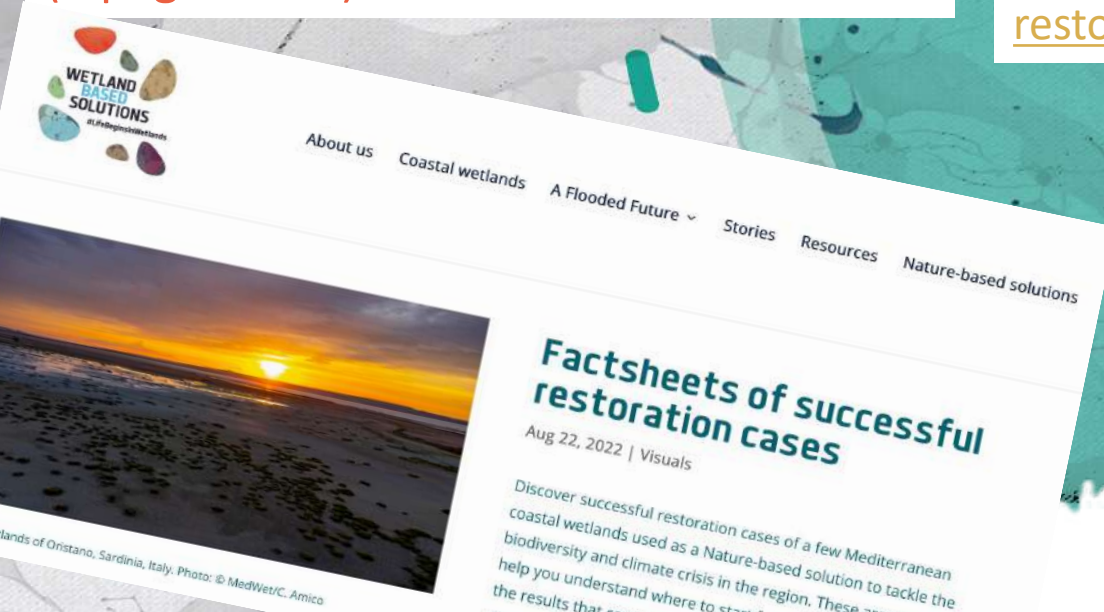
## 5. Factsheets of successful restoration activities

9 different Mediterranean wetland restoration experiences, shared where to start from, the challenges to face and the results that can be obtained



**DOWNLOAD** the 9 factsheets  
(4 pages each)

<https://www.wetlandbasedsolutions.org/2022/08/22/factsheets-of-successful-restoration-cases/>



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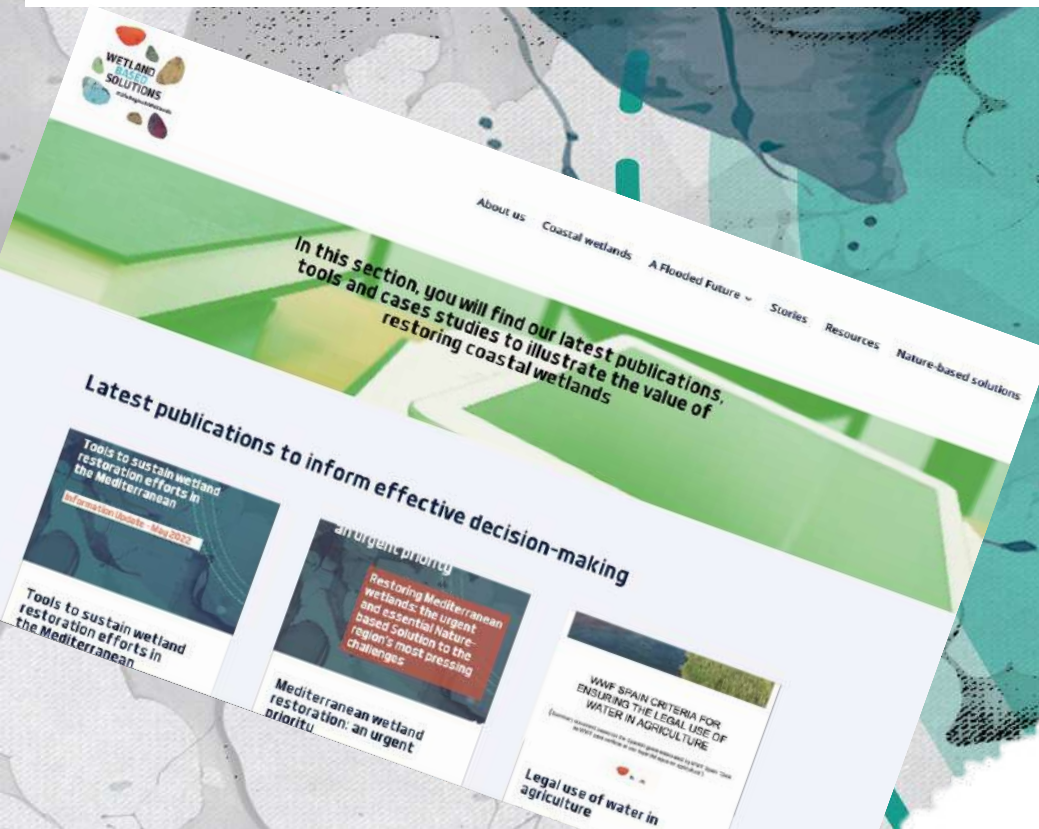




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8. Mediterranean wetland handbook of rules and standards for ecological restoration projects, to decision makers.

Soon available on the WBS webpage (Resources area)



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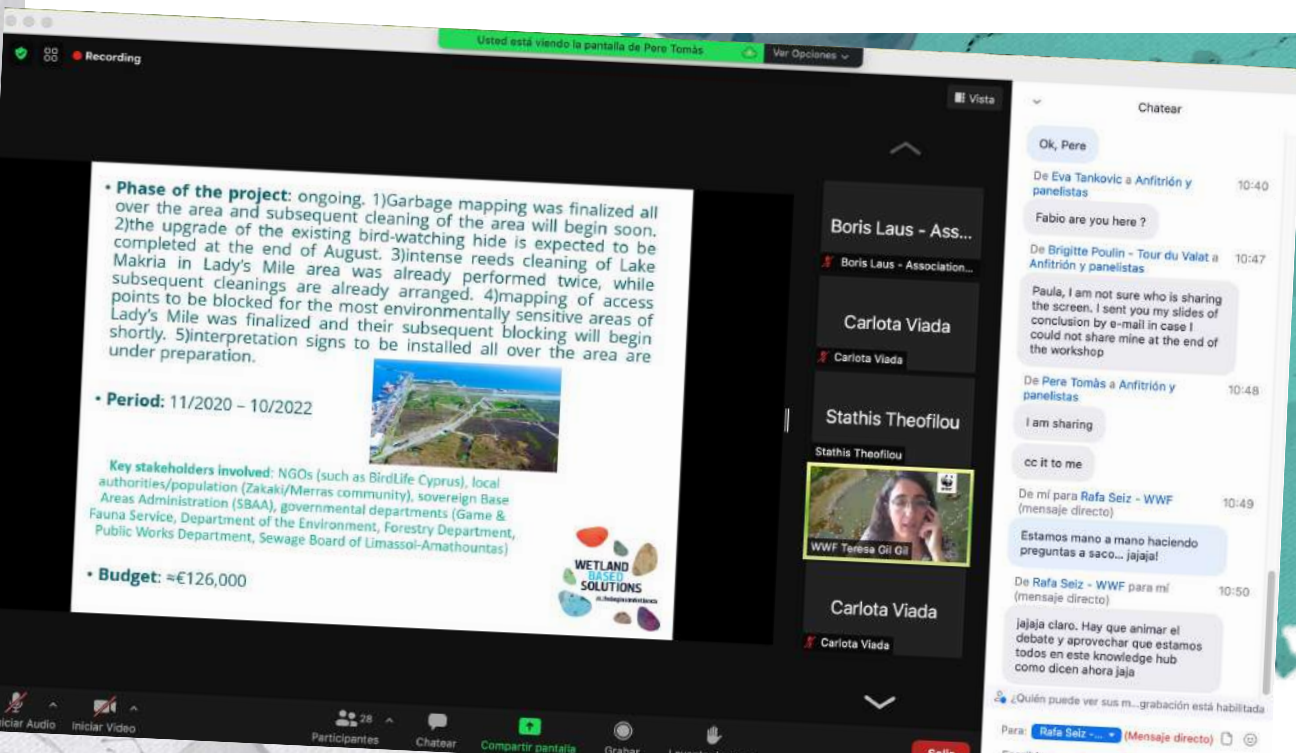
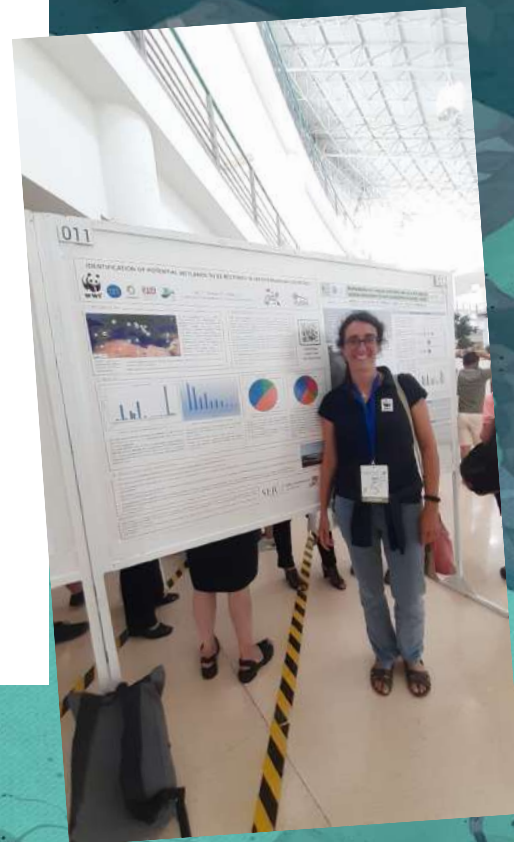


## C) How to improve capacity building and exchange of experiences?

### 9. Participation in the International Society of Ecological Restoration Congress in 2021 and 2022

2021 (<https://sere2021.org/>): online workshop and seminar were organized, apart from individual presentations from the team members

2022 (<https://sere2022.org/>): poster results of the survey, as team presentation



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10. Training workshop on 'Ecological wetland restoration' for wetland managers and practitioners

Online in June 2022, for 55 participants.

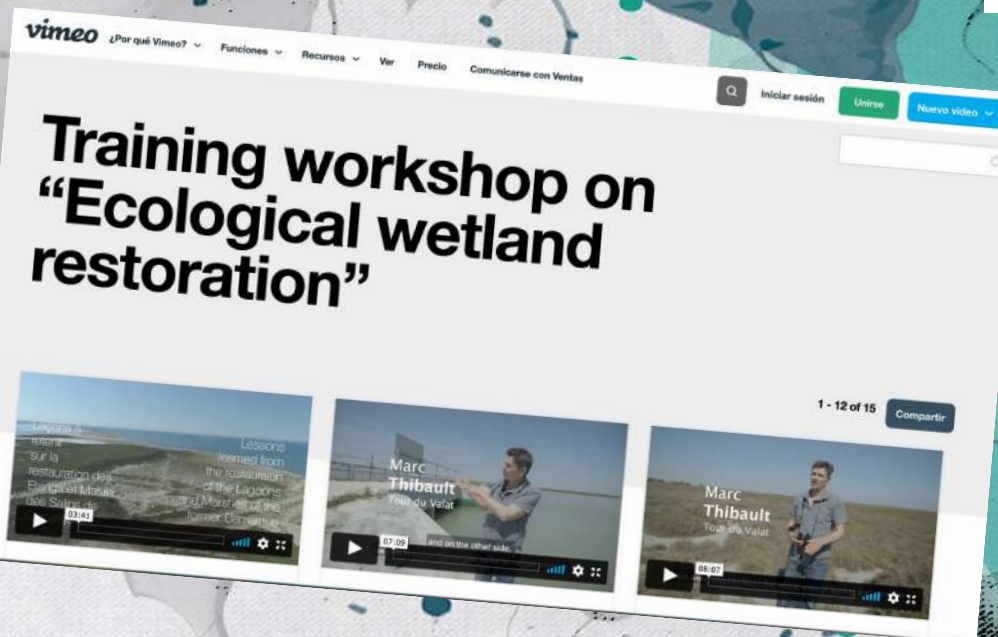
ACCESS THE TRAINING ONLINE at Vimeo

ENGLISH:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9646476>

FRENCH:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9646476>



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11. 4 online training webinars on 'Ecological wetland restoration'

Available soon: End october & November

If you are interested, contact: [Giuseppe Dodaro](mailto:dodaro@medwet.org)  
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Thank you very much for your interest

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