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Since 2014, the Small Initiatives Program for North African Civil Society Organizations (PPI OSCAN), supports field projects for the conservation of species and ecosystems, and the promotion of the benefits of conservation and sustainable means of subsistence.

The added value of the program is to help young organizations to emerge through small grants, and provide them tailored support to strengthen their environmental projects on the ground.

WHY SUPPORT CIVIL SOCIETY?

Rooted in local realities, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are drivers of social innovation and actively contribute to transforming society. Their value is clear: they have the flexibility and tools to initiate new collective responses to environmental and socioeconomic development issues. But a lack of visibility is penalizing the organizations, which need tailored support to strengthen their actions on the ground and collaboration with public services. That is the founding purpose of PPI OSCAN, which works to support these essential instigators of change more effectively in local areas.

THE THIRD PHASE OF THE PPI OSCAN

Since its launch, the PPI OSCAN has supported 37 organizations in its first phase (2014 to 2017), and 43 in its second phase (2018-2021). Implemented between 2021 and 2024, the PPI OSCAN 3 program builds on the positive results of the first two phases to fund projects in Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia of 10 historical organizations that benefited from PPI OSCAN 2 and 17 so-called emerging organizations.

Supporting the historical organizations will help consolidate the impact of their project and their influence in terms of biodiversity conservation and adaptation to climate change. For the so-called emerging organizations, the PPI OSCAN represents their first source of funding, allowing them to increase their effectiveness and access new partnerships for their activities and future projects.

The purpose of this brochure is to present the 27 selected projects of PPI-OSCAN 3 and their supporting organisations.

1. Effective and efficient implementation and management of conservation projects by civil society organisations.
2. Improving the technical, organisational and institutional efficiency and sustainability of the organizations in their capacity to carry out field projects.
3. Promote exchanges and networking between the organizations, and continue dialogue and coordination with governments.
4. Sharing and communicating the results at a global scale.

PPI OSCAN COORDINATOR

Founded in 1948, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is considered the world’s largest and oldest conservation organization. The Union represents a platform where governments, businesses, NGOs, experts and local communities work together to implement solutions to environmental challenges. The IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation, opened in 2001 in Malaga (Spain), aims to encourage and help Mediterranean societies reconcile the conservation of natural resources with their use by adopting a sustainable development model.

https://www.iucn.org/regions/mediterranean

PPI OSCAN FINANCIAL PARTNERS

Created by the French government in 1994 after the first Earth Summit, the French Global Environment Facility funds projects that generate local environmental, social and economic benefits, and operates in the areas of biodiversity conservation, climate, international waters, land and ozone layer, and chemical pollution mitigation. The particular value of the FFEM is: to rely on pilot projects to create learnings and disseminate their innovations on a larger scale.

https://www.ffem.fr

Founded in 1994 until 2022, MAVA, Foundation for Nature, is a Swiss private foundation aiming at the conservation of biodiversity for the benefit of people and nature, which funds, mobilizes and strengthens the conservation community in Switzerland, the Mediterranean and West Africa. MAVA has been co-funding the PPI OSCAN program since its launch in 2014.

http://mava-foundation.org/

The Sigrid Rausing Trust (SRT) aims to promote the values and principles of human rights, equality and the rule of law, and to preserve nature from degradation. The SRT Foundation started a new partnership with IUCN-Med in 2021 and is co-funding the third phase of the PPI OSCAN (2021-2024).

https://www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org/

PPI OSCAN NATIONAL PARTNERS

LIBYA
Environment General Authority

MOROCCO
National Forest and Water Agency

TUNISIA
Ministry of Environment
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<td>Monitoring of the Rüppell’s Vulture, classified as critically endangered according to the IUCN Red List, to address the causes of increasing mortality rates in northern Morocco. The promotion of birdwatching and the training of 10 young guides will raise awareness of the benefits of wildlife conservation.</td>
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<td>To overcome the lack of knowledge on wetlands in northern Libya, the association will survey the fauna and flora of several sites and create a database accessible to all. This information will serve as a basis for better management and assessment of conservation threats.</td>
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<td>A pioneer in GPS tracking of raptors in Morocco, the association’s mission is to protect birds of prey in Morocco. It is also involved in the management of a raptors national care centre.</td>
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**MAR304**

Network of Associations of the Cedar Biosphere Reserve

To support the co-management and sustainable development of the Atlas Cedar Biosphere Reserve. The association wishes to strengthen the capacities of local organizations, and set up a network platform to facilitate participatory governance of the protected area.

- **Ifrane National Park**
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 29,992.05€

- **Association des Amis de la Biosphère du Cèdre de l’Atlas**
  - Established in 2020 in the region of Ifrane National Park, the organization undertakes actions to conserve the natural resources of the Atlas Cedar Biosphere Reserve.
  - arecica2020@gmail.com

**MAR308**

New Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation in Ait M’hamed

To improve the natural fertility of agricultural soils, the association is training farmers on the production of biodegradable charcoal and wood vinegar. It works with local people to improve their income and maintain traditional agricultural practices in the High Atlas.

- **Oued Ahansal, Azilal province**
  - Total budget: 33,324.5€

- **ASKA Association for Women and Children**
  - A young organization, it brings together 140 members of the local community of Ait M’hamed for the conservation of biodiversity and the promotion of sustainable livelihoods.
  - aska.association@gmail.com

**MAR310**

Conservation of palm groves in the Akka Tata oases

The project supports 30 farming families in the Akka Tata oases through training, the creation of an interpretive center, and the restoration of date palm cultures to preserve the role of oasis ecosystems in the face of climate change impacts.

- **Lagune Marja Zerga (Site RAMSAR)**
  - Total budget: 33,000.34€
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 60,000.00€

- **Ifrane National Park**
  - Total budget: 33,352.20€
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 29,998.20€

- **Khenitra National Park**
  - Total budget: 75,000.34€
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 60,000.00€

- **Alpe Atlas Association**
  - This association’s mission is to preserve the region’s natural resources and to promote local sustainable development, especially among women and young people under 35.
  - alpata17@gmail.com
  - aforumkaryati@gmail.com

**MAR3117**

Preservation of the Barbary Macaque and the Brown Trout in the Khenifra National Park

The association relies on environmental education and ecotourism to strengthen the preservation of two emblematic species of the Khenifra National Park, the Barbary Macaque and the Brown Trout. To do this, it aims to work with all actors of the park, fisherfolk, guides, schools and local authorities.

- **Douar Rahhala & LKasbah**
  - Total budget: 41,359.72€
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 29,485.72€

**MAR3119**

Preservation of Marine Biodiversity through the Development of Coastal Ecotourism at Jebha and Ghomara SIBEs

To address the problems of pollution and illegal fishing practices in the SIBEs of Jebha and Ghomara coasts, the organization is implementing a training program for fishermen, a boat repair workshop and a pilot marine ecotourism activity.

- **SIEB of Jebha and the Ghomara coast**
  - Total budget: 33,770€
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 29,700€

**TUN301**

Smart Agri

The project works with farming families in the Bizerte region to reduce pesticides and re-establish old environmental farming practices. It also involves training and the development of a plant laboratory and nursery for organic crops.

- **Bizerte**
  - Total budget: 70,219.60€
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 59,686.66€

- **IRADA Association for the Development of Tozeur**
  - Organization supported by several scientific members, and implementing conservation projects of natural resources in the Region of Tozeur.
  - iradatozeur2018@gmail.com

**TUN307**

C6: Carob Tree Corridors Carbon Capture Climate Change

The association is working with farmers in the Kef and Bizerte regions by developing more than 38 ha of agroforestry crops dominated by carob trees, and by training them on good agricultural practices to improve biodiversity and the resilience of farms in the face of climate change.

- **Les Amis de Capte Tunisie**
  - The Association was created in 2017 and aims to fight against the effects of climate change, improving biodiversity and promoting solidarity with and between farmers.
  - lesamisdecapte.tunisie@gmail.com

**TUN325**

Conservation of Sebkhet Halk El Menzel and Oued Essed Wetlands

To tackle the pollution of two wetlands, the association works with all local actors to create and promote development initiatives, ecotourism and raising awareness activities. In the long term, it wishes to set up an integrated management plan for the RAMSAR site Halk El Menzel Oued.

- **Bouhedma National Park**
  - Total budget: 68,982.98€
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 59,653.53€

- **Tunisian Association of Akouda Hikers**
  - The Association was created in 2015 and aims to organize scientific expeditions to sensitive and improve environmental awareness in Tunisia, while safeguarding biodiversity.
  - atrakouda@gmail.com

**TUN308**

BIOREC BouHedma

To address the lack of data on the species conservation status in the BouHedma National Park, the association is working with local youth to set up a scientific observatory of flora and fauna, and a visitors’ center for all stakeholders involved in the conservation efforts.

- **Bizerte & Kef**
  - Total budget: 119,064€
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 99,882€

- **Les Amis de Capte Tunisie**
  - The Association was created in 2017 and aims to fight against the effects of climate change, improving biodiversity and promoting solidarity with and between farmers.
  - lesamisdecapte.tunisie@gmail.com

- **Sousse**
  - Total budget: 31,729.50€
  - Grant PPI-OSCAN: 26,556.55€

- **Association for Research and Study on the Memory of Sousse**
  - Local association for whom the PPI OSCAN programme is its first major source of funding and whose objectives are the promotion and safeguarding of cultural and natural heritage in the region of Sousse.
  - arems2020@gmail.com
From Palm Tree to Charfia
The project focuses on the development of palm tree cultivations to use the leaves for the traditional fishing practice, called ‘Charfia' and the creation of safety nets that will replace grids and plastic ones.

Kerkennah Island
Total budget: 30,000.30€
Grant PPI-OSCAN: 27,000.27€
ORES Regional ecological observatory of Sfax
ORES is an association created in 2016, whose objectives are to study the impacts of pollution on the environment, and to raise awareness of all public and private actors.
association.orpis@gmail.com

Preservation of Bouhertma forest-wetland ecosystems
The project works with women and fishermen around the Bouhertma dam to improve fishing techniques, reduce intensive exploitation of forest resources, and enhance sustainable production of essential oils and fishing.

Jendouba
Total budget: 28,193.00€
Grant PPI-OSCAN: 19,000.00€
Association to Open Development Initiatives and Perspectives
Association created in 2019 to raise awareness and support the youth of the Bouhertama area in developing sustainable sources of income.
bouhertma2030@gmail.com

Green Win
The project aims to transform a neglected public park in the city centre of Kef into an urban forest and botanical garden. The park will help preserve endemic species and create a green space for awareness raising in the city.

Kef
Total budget: 33,263.45€
Grant PPI-OSCAN: 29,937.11€
Cirta Association for Alternative Culture
Association created in 2017, it contributes to the promotion of arts and culture as tools for change and contributes to local development in Kef.
acca.elkef@gmail.com

The project works with artisanal fishermen in the Ariana Governorate to combat illegal practices and the degradation of marine resources. It includes the creation of an exchange and awareness platform, the installation of artificial reefs, and the restoration of degraded areas.

Raoued Ariana, Gulf of Tunis
Total budget: 31,001.30€
Grant PPI-OSCAN: 27,901.17€
Tunisian Association for Artisanal Fishing
Association created in 2017 that aims to improve participatory governance and management of fisheries resources, and support artisanal fishermen.
contact.tssf@gmail.com

Biodiversity and sustainable development of the Eastern Cape Bon Lagoons
The project aims to establish an associative network for people to collaborate on the preservation of the fauna and flora of the lagoons of the Cap Bon Oriental, to carry out anti-pollution actions and to create ecotourism activities.

Nabeul
Total budget: 39,000.50€
Grant PPI-OSCAN: 29,914.32€
Ecotourism Environment Association
It is an association created in 2011 that focuses on capacity building and the education of young people, as well as the organization of natural heritage discovery expeditions.
etplus5@gmail.com

The PPI OSCAN program is implemented by the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation as part of its strategy to support Civil Society initiatives in North Africa, called Mubadarat. To learn more about its approach and sign up for the newsletter on all the biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation projects, visit the website:
MUBADARAT – Support to North African Civil Society (mubadarat-uicn.org)