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#### **Situation**

- Natural Park since 1986 (21.200 Ha)
- A big central shallow water lagoon: 2433,2 Ha with 0.88m depth.
- Included in the list of wetlands of international importance (RAMSAR)

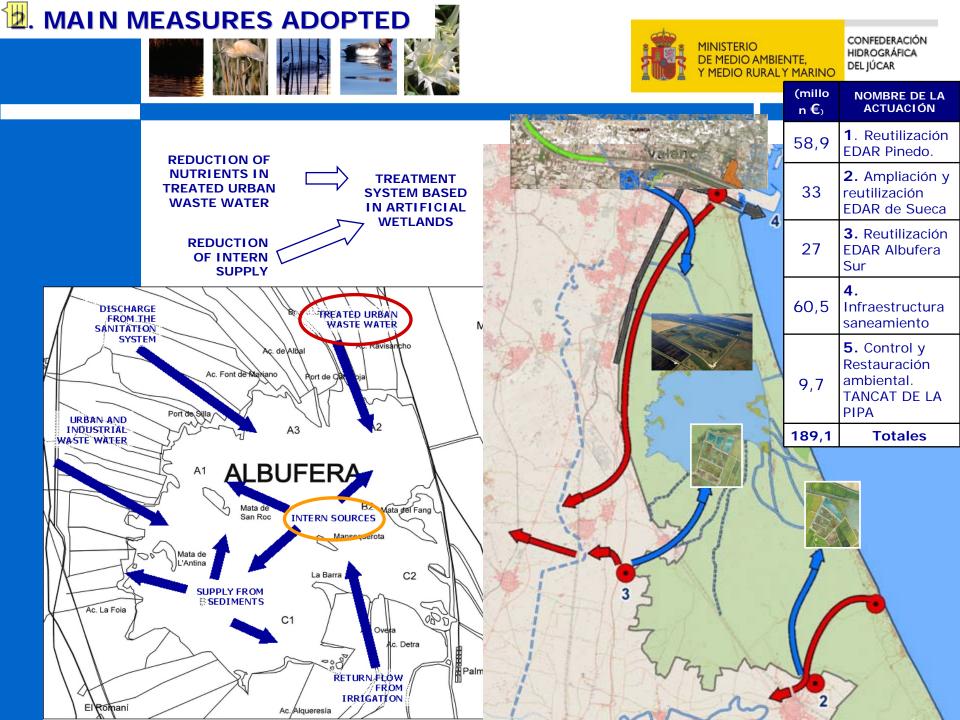
#### **Brief historic summary**

- From the Albufera of fisher men to the Albufera of rice fields: the construction of the second section of the Acequia Real del Júcar (supply channel) in the 18th century
- The contamination crisis and the disappearance of submerged meadows:
   1972

#### The change in the state of the lake (1972-73)

- In 1972, in only some days, disappeared all submerged aquatic vegetation from the lake, after a progressive loss of quality suffered since 1965
- The eutrophic state was a result of contaminant inflow

This situation remains nowadays but is improving...















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# Hydraulics of the artificial wetland system















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# PROJECT 1: RECUPERATION OF SPACE AND WATER MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2007: 5,2 million €

#### EXPROPIATION OF LANDS AND EARTH MOVING





#### Expropriation of lands: 34ha

- Restoration of aquatic environment (ullal and marshes):
   24ha
- Green filter, to improve the water quality: 10ha
- Channels and *acequias* (supply and drain) between the different aquatic environments.
- Drill, water extraction from the aquifer to supply the spring and improve the water quality in the marshes.



















# PROJECT 2: RESTAURATION OF HABITATS AND ADAPTATION FOR PUBLIC USE 2008: 1,6 million €

# A. Improvement of landscape

**Vegetation restoration** 

Conditioning of electric installations

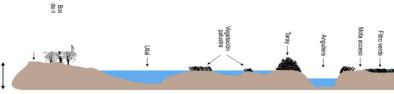
# **B.** Complementary actions

Installation of a new pumping station.

C. Infrastructures for public use

Visitors Information Centre:
Rehabilitation of the Tancat's motor building

Interpretation path
Interpretative boards
Bird observatories
Quay



















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## PROJECT 3: MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE TANCAT, 2009-2011

#### **DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:**

- •INTEGRATED TREATMENT OF THE
- •TREATMENT OF THE VEGETATION IN THE FILTERS
- •CONTROL OF HYDRAULICS
- •FISICAL-CHEMICAL WATER AND SEDIMENT ANALYSIS
- •CONTROL OF BIOTIC VARIABLES
- ANALYSIS OF ARTHROPODS
- •BIODIVERSITY OF AVIFAUNA AND CHIROPTERA
- •SOCIAL PERCEPTION
- •PARTICIPATION
- ADAPTATION OF ACESS AND INSTALLATIONS

Putting in operation of the green filter



Public use



Additional Works

DIRECTION OF WORKS: in charge of the JRBA

**DURATION OF WORKS: 2009-2011** 

INVESTMENT: 1.6 MILL €













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# PROJECT 3: MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE TANCAT, 2009-2011

# PUTTING IN OPERATION OF THE GREEN FILTER



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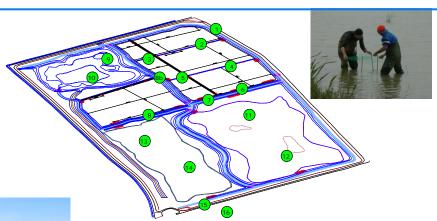








- Constant bird banding station
- Follow up of avifauna















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# PROJECT 3: MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE TANCAT, 2009-2011

# **PUBLIC USE**

Environmental education program

**Biodiversity tour** 

Professional qualification programme by IES EL Saler

Voluntary program

Nest construction
Wild reed plantings...
Construction of a floating barrier
Reintroduction and follow up of
European turtle

Training program

Activity program

Curses on bird identification Briefings on biodiversity: bats in the Tancat

Open day: ONG'S



Voluntary project bird nests. Organised by Seo BirdLife

Total May'09-April '11 10.748 persons

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pie
caballo
carro



DE LA TIERRA
21 MERI 2010

Seronda de pourtes obiertes essa Tancot de la Pipa

Attividades

- Maring de esjas
nide de maristilleges
- Observación de

- Villa guirdia per
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## Conclusions

- •The Albufera wetland is an environmental site of great importance, but it suffers high anthropogenic pressures and therefore, degradation.
- •The ministry of environment is adopting measures to recover the ecological status of the wetland.
- •The environmental restoration is one of these measures, that has been done in the Tancat de la Pipa.
- The objective of the environmental restoration is double: in one hand improve the quality of the water of the Albufera lake. In the other hand increase the public land so it can be use by the society for public purposes (environmental education, volunteering activities, etc...)
- •The public use is held mainly by NGOs. These NGOs are gaining more importance day by day in the management of these types of public site



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