



جمعية إنماء القدرات في الريف

Association for the Development of Rural Capacities

## BIOCONNECT PROJECT

- Donor: EU delegation
- Partners: ACS, SPNL, ACE
- Geographical region: Tyre
- Project period: February 2022–October 2025
- Budget: 697,630 EURO (Budget Managed by ADR)

### Supported Protected Area

Tyre Coastal Natural  
Reserve (TCNR)





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## Project's Objectives

Overall Objective 1. Enhancing the management and governance of sites of ecological importance in southern Lebanon

Specific Objective 1.1: Design and implement rigorous, regular and consistent monitoring and evaluation schemes for key biodiversity (endangered species/ecosystems) and pressures

Specific Objective 1.2: Ensure effective, equitable site management, including appropriate management plans/guidelines for the sites

Specific Objective 1.3: Abate the main pressures on key biodiversity

Specific Objective 1.4: Enhance sites' regulation enforcement

Overall Objective 2. Creation of new Protected Areas and OECMs for broader landscape conservation in southern Lebanon

Specific Objective 2.1: Identify and assess suitable new PAs or OECMs

Specific Objective 2.2: Ensure sound management plans/guidelines for the new sites

Specific Objective 2.3: Improve landscape connectivity among existing and new PAs/OECMs





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## Project's activities

- Purchase of multi-function boat for marine zone surveillance and for conducting scientific monitoring and assessment, and equipment for scientific sampling and testing for TCNR
- Capacity building for TCNR managers on scientific monitoring techniques
- Rehabilitation of bird hides inside TCNR with the needed equipment for bird monitoring and training on Bird watching
- Support to TCNR in applying successfully for the Green List of IUCN by SBR
- Restoring protective fence of the Conserved Scientific Zone of TCNR
- Purchase of UTV with front-sieve to clean up the beach zone from beach litter generated by tourists in TCNR.
- Restoring and upgrading the whole signalling system in the different zones of the TCNR.
- Environmental awareness for locals, schools and visitors on the effects of their uncontrolled activities on biodiversity in TCNR







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- Support the adaptation of beach huts in TCNR to environmental standards (biodiversity conservation; light management for sea turtles; waste management)
- Restoring the trails of TCNR's Conservation Zone and upgrading it for long-term durability
- Training local farmers within TCNR on sustainable agricultural practices according to ACS' roadmap for sustainable agriculture
- Capacity building to the managers of TCNR to ensure effective implementation of the site's regulations
- Establish a stakeholder committee for equitable management of TCNR

