



THE GREEN LIGHT PROTOCOL

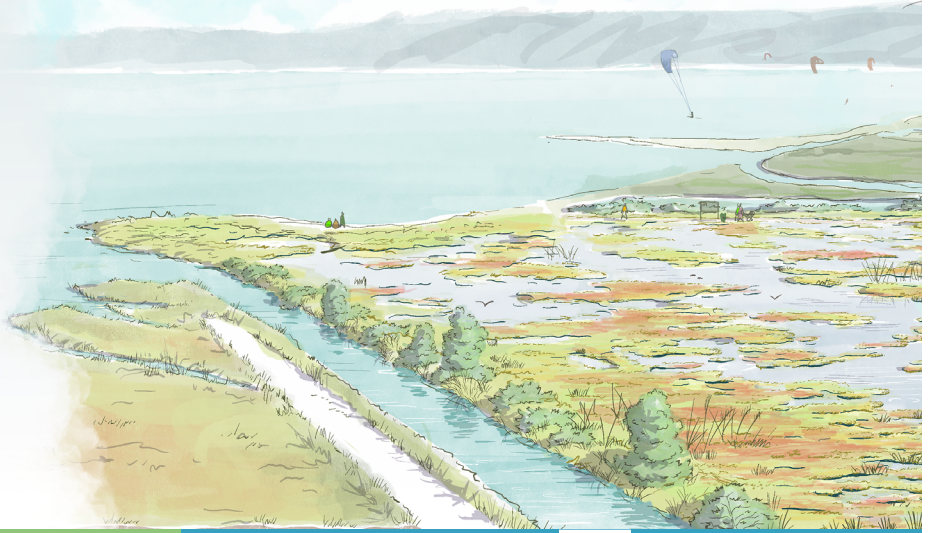
THE PILOT SITE

GÖKÇE TÜRKİYE

In Gökova, biodiversity is particularly threatened by urbanization, mass tourism and intensive agriculture. Through the Green Light protocol, the stakeholders have worked together with Alliance members and artists to propose a vision and strategy for the site. We propose actions to recover coastal wetland functionality, an ecotourism attraction and a stopover for migratory waterbirds.

TÜRKİYE

Muğla
Akyaka • Gökçe



WHAT

6 hectares of coastal wetlands located in Gökçe, in the south of Türkiye will be restored to create more optimal habitat for migratory birds after a long journey.



WHO



Akdeniz Koruma Derneği (Mediterranean Conservation Society) with the support of the Mediterranean Alliance for Wetlands.



WHERE

Nearby the village, where the Akcapinar Azmak river meets the sea.



HOW

Diagnostic studies will be carried out to design a successful restoration project to restore the functionality of this fragile threatened brackish ecosystem. We will also support its biodiversity long-term conservation and enjoyment.



WHY

The wetland is threatened by over abstraction of freshwater abstraction for agriculture, pollution, urbanisation, and salinisation from the sea water intrusion. The aim of the restoration project is to recover a site for nature and humans and a new resting and feeding spot for birds.



WHEN

Starting in 2023





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ROADMAP OF THE RESTORATION PROJECT



Phase 1 (2024-2026)

Diagnosis & validation of the restoration project

€ 142.000

- Stakeholder consultations & negotiations
- Hydrological studies
- Educational activities
- Restoration planning

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



COMMUNITIES INVOLVEMENT

AWARENESS RISING

Phase 2 (2026-2029)

Restoration engineering & water management activities

€ 188.000

- Restoration of the dunes, waterbodies, and vegetation
- Construction of an observatory tower, walking path and information panels



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Phase 3 (2029-2032)

Protection and sustainable management

€ 150.000

- Advocacy to increase protection status
- Monitoring & educational activities
- Sustainable tourism development

Total
€ 480.000

RESULTS

- 6 hectares of a restored wetland
- ▶ Increase in biodiversity
- ▶ Higher protection status
- ▶ Birdwatching destination
- ▶ Recreational spot for local people
- ▶ Upscaling sustainable model

