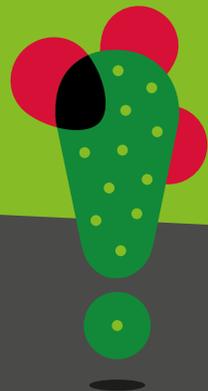


Many people and organisations support LIFE medCLIFFS. Become a part of the project.

## What can I do?

- 1 Sign up for free courses!**  
Learn about the plants around you and how to know which ones are invasive.
- 2 Get involved!**  
Let us know where invasive plants grow so that we can monitor them in the most at-risk areas.
- 3 Follow us and spread the word!**



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Enjoying a coastline free of invasive plants **also depends on you.**

## Get involved!

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Managing invasive plants is key for the **conservation of Mediterranean Sea cliffs.**

Join us!

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## What are invasive plants?

- 🌿 Invasive plants originate from **other parts of the world**.
- 🌿 **They spread** very efficiently.
- 🌿 They **can grow in a wide range of conditions**.
- 🌿 They have often been **introduced as a result of human activity**.
- 🌿 They have a **negative impact on the environment**.



**Prickly pear cactus**  
*Opuntia ficus-indica*



**Gazania**  
*Gazania rigens*



**Ice plant**  
*Carpobrotus* spp.

## How do invasive plants affect Mediterranean cliffs?

Invasive plants **spread easily and limit the survival** of the native cliff flora.

Some native plants **are unique in the world and are currently threatened, unable to compete** with invasives.

The negative impact on native flora also **affects insects, birds and other cliff-dwelling organisms**.

In addition, invasive plants make the landscape **extremely uniform**.

**Invasive plants cause a severe loss of biodiversity and alter the functioning of Mediterranean cliffs.**

**Landscapes colonised by invasive plants lose social, cultural and economic value.**



## LIFE medCLIFFS is a nature conservation project

aimed at improving the management of invasive plants in the habitat of community interest **1240 - Vegetated sea cliffs of the Mediterranean coasts with endemic *Limonium* spp.**, through:

### Prevention

- Consensus list
- Watch list
- White list
- Code of conduct for managing potentially invasive ornamental species and quality label
- Promoting updates to the **legal framework**

### Early detection - citizen science

- Local Observers Network to detect where invasive plants grow
- Expert Volunteers Network to monitor the evolution of invasive flora in priority areas

### Rapid response

- Development of an **invasion risk assessment system**
- **Invasion risk maps** for 30 invasive and potentially invasive species on the Costa Brava

### Eradication

- Control of invasive plants in the Cap de Creus CLIFFS using new and adapted protocols
- Coordinated strategy for private gardens

