



Now open to the public!

The works of environmental restoration, equipment and protection of the dune have been finally completed.



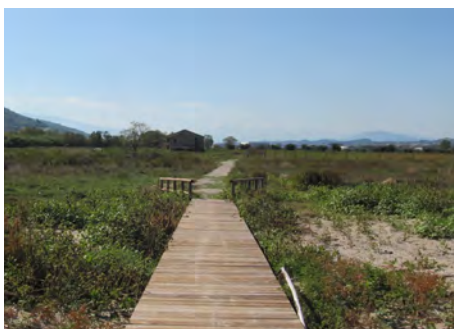
On October 27th the inauguration of the new wetlands in the Sentina Reserve took place.

The event concluded the one-week event called "Settimana di visite attive" (Week of active visits), it has been organized by the local administration in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Education "Torre sul Porto", the University of Camerino, the Steering Committee of the Reserve and the local environmental groups. A rich program of initiatives started on October 20th and took many tourists, students and naturalists to know the Sentina wetlands through guided walking and cycling tours and birdwatching.

The main works realized thank to ReSCWe project are: two fresh water ponds (one for diving birds and the other for waders), two temporary salty wetlands - water collection areas - behind the dunes, trails and boardwalks, birdwatching huts and reed shields. All the works have been carried out according to bioengineering techniques, following European best practices in the field of wetlands restoration and have been accompanied by monitoring activities, that are partly still in progress.

The opening event had been organized in

Above: photo from the inaugural conference; the wetland in the early autumn, dune protection works, wooden path along the visiting track, the european marsh turtle while being reintroduced



two different parts: in the morning, an introductory conference was held in the Town Hall in the presence of the local authorities, project manager and staff and various experts who explained the content of the works (S. Trevisani, S. Chelli), the reintroduction of some disappeared plant species (L. Gubellini) and the one of the marsh turtles (G. Marini). At the end of the conference, the audience could enjoy the preview screening of the video "Visit of the restored areas" created by the Libero Bizzarri Foundation.

In the second part of the opening day, the event moved to the Reserve where all the restoration works previously described were shown and the operations of reintroduction of flora and fauna have been initiated.

In the presence of a numerous public of

students, members of the Forest Service, and citizens the first couple of european pond turtle was reintroduced (*Emys orbicularis*) in the pond located in the south of the historic building "Torre sul Porto".



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As regards the floristic reintroductions, the first nine clumps of Hardy Pampas Grass (*Erianthus ravennae*) were planted in different points of the protected area.

In the months to follow, the reintroductions will be carried on both with the release of additional pairs of turtles and by planting more clumps of Ravenna Grass in addition to other three species of originally autochthonous flora. The report about the event that has been broadcasted by RAI 3 is available in the "Press" section of the project website: www.life-rescwe.it



Other attendances ...

The Sentina Reserve have appeared on TV also in the program Lineablu, on RAI 1: the episode broadcasted on 25th of August showed the works realized thanks to the ReSCWe project and described the main activities carried out by the Center for Environmental Education "Torre sul Porto".

The Re.SCWe project was also presented as a good practice during the 1st "Forum Nazionale degli Amministratori per l'Ambiente" (National Forum of Administrators having Authority on environmental issues) held in San Benedetto on 28th and 29th September 2012.



Upcoming events!

On January 31st and February 1st 2013 will be held in San Benedetto del Tronto an important international meeting gathering representatives from the coastal and marine protected areas on the Adriatic Sea. The conference has been organized by ADRIAPAN (Adriatic Protected Areas Network) and the Municipality and will deal with the future of protected areas according to the new EU programming 2014-2020, to stimulate new synergies and partnerships aimed at wildlife conservation and sustainable development. During the event the results of the ReSCWe project will be presented as well as many other interesting initiatives for the natural parks in the Adriatic area! The event program will be soon available on the web site! (Info: trevisanis@comunesbt.it)



Quick update...

> The restoration works in the Sentina wetlands have been finally open to the public: new ponds, visiting paths, birdwatching huts and dune protections! The opening event, participated by about a hundred people, has been held on Saturday 27th October 2012.

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Project activities progress report

Preparatory actions

- Definitive and executive planning
- Topographic detailed surveys
- Geological, hydro-geological and geotechnical surveys
- Formal agreement for the availability of the areas
- Best Practice review

Concrete conservation actions

- Ecological restoration of the wetlands
- Construction of the connection canal
- Restoration of the irrigation network
- Naturalistic conservation works on the dune system
- Countermeasures against invasive alien species
- Works for fauna
- Works for the fruition and the naturalistic interpretation

Communication and dissemination of results

- Communication/ dissemination materials
- Local events for the general public
- Conferences for specialized audiences
- Working table with tour operators
- Didactic activities for children and young people
- Guided tours for adults
- Participation to an eco-tourism trade fair
- On site panels
- Web site and periodical newsletter
- Audiovisual production

Overall coordination and management

- Admin./financial management
- Technical reporting
- Training for the reserve employees
- Monitoring activities



Meeting the Sentina...

Fauna/4



Little Egret - *Egretta garzetta* (photo by A. Neroni)

Flora/4



Liquorice - *Glycyrrhiza glabra* (photo by P. Malizia)

Look for the Sentina Reserve on **You tube!** You will find the trailer of a new documentary being produced by the Foundation Libero Bizzarri!