

The following is a list of projected activities for the period February, 2002 to January 2003.

Project Olympus: Coastal Conservation

1. Stepping up of security at Ramla through collaboration with the local Police.
2. Meeting with Assistant Commissioner for greater collaboration.
3. Enforcement of offroading regulations around the Belancourt Battery and the sand dunes and on the beach, which has been a major challenge since May, 2001.

Project Poseidon

4. Reintroduction of safety lines at Ramla, Gozo, Ghajn Tuffieha and Golden Sands for the spring and summer season.
5. Meeting with officials of the Malta Maritime Authority to enhance collaboration.
6. Sea patrols to enforce safety and marine regulations at Ramla and the Northwest of Malta, in collaboration with police.
7. Organisation with a marine biologist for the preparation of a conservation plan for marine species at dive site in Malta and Gozo.

Project Phoenix

8. Reintroduction of separated waste system at Ghajn Tuffieha as from May, 2002.
9. Gathering and use of Posidonia meadows for fertilizer.
10. Use of used cups from Eden Century Cinema for pots at Elysium Nursery.
11. Introduction of a collection scheme of tetrapaks for reuse at Nursery.
12. Organisation of a separation and collection system of organic waste from the local hotels at Ghajn Tuffieha, namely Ha-Ferh and Golden Sands Hotels, for use in organic farming.
13. Use of brown leaves on Ghajn Tuffieha site to increase the organic content of Persephone fields.

Project Dionysius: Beach management

14. Attempt to secure permit for toilets and refreshments at Ghajn Tuffieha (permits have been requested from the Planning Authority since April, 1999, without success), and introduction of said toilets and refreshments.
15. Upgrading of wardening and security services for Ghajn Tuffieha and Ramla Bays.
16. Organisation of a beachfest to increase public awareness and participation in beach management.
17. Upgrading of beach signs for public guidance.
18. Organisation of traffic flow and access points at Ramla Bay.

Project Hermes: Dissemination of Information

19. Completion of production of information boards for “Elysium” nursery and support centre, covering the various projects underway.
20. Update of website to include all reports, surveys and information about all projects and expansion of eco tourism web page.
21. Translation of website, currently in English and Spanish, into Italian, French and Serbian.
22. Production of information brochure on biodiversity.
23. Preparation for the publication of a nature trail map and brochure for the Northwest, in collaboration with the Malta Tourism Authority.
24. Production of information board on site for Ramla cultural heritage.
25. Design and production of a general booklet covering the individual aspects of the coastal project.
26. Organisation of a series of meetings at Ghajn Tuffieha for farmers to introduce and encourage organic methods of agriculture.
27. Organisation of school trips to Ghajn Tuffieha site.
28. Organisation of seminars for local public and stakeholders.
29. Organisation of public activity for organic food consumers.
30. Organisation of public activity for tree planting and biodiversity awareness.
31. Trips overseas for training and networking.

Project Elysium: Biodiversity and Tree Planting

32. Continuation of propagation of indigenous trees and shrubs at Elysium Nursery in accordance with propagation plan.
33. Planting of trees and shrubs at Ghajn Tuffieha and Ramla.
34. Continuation of Elysium’s adopt a tree campaign.
35. Sealing and maintenance on large reservoir at Nursery.

Project Persephone: Sustainable Agriculture

36. Production and supply of organic produce to club members.
37. Assistance and advice to 3 local farmers, 2 near the Ramla site and 1 near the Ghajn Tuffieha site, to set up their organic practices and methods.
38. Liaising with other local farmers to join the organic club as producers.
39. Setting up organic club system for farmers who join the system.
40. Organisation and implementation of an organic project between Ramla Bay Hotel as consumer and local Ghajn Tuffieha farmers as producers of organic produce.

Project Athena: Agroforestry

41. Continuation of the campaign for the encouragement of olive tree growth in Pwales Valley and other areas surrounding Ghajn Tuffieha, as a pilot project for agroforestry.

Project Odysseus: Eco Tourism

42. Completion of a detailed Nature Trail for the NorthWest of Malta, with Ghajn Tuffieha as the focal point.
43. Cooperation with a German tour operator for the organization of eco tours for their clients.
44. Organisation of an eco tour, to include nature trails, cultural aspects in the coastal areas, eco friendly sports, talks and voluntary work connected to coastal management.
45. Promotion of eco tours with specialized tour operators.

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