

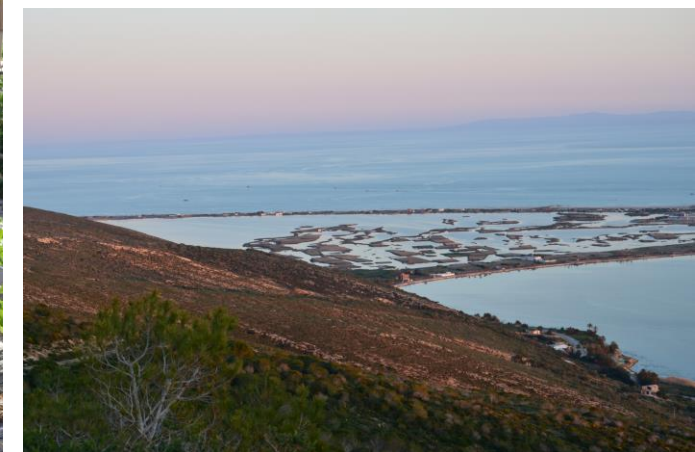
GEMWET

Conservation and Sustainable Development of
Coastal Wetland with High Ecological Value : the
case of Ghar El Melh,
Tunisia



Ghar El Melh

- Outstanding Biodiversity and varied natural landscapes
- Education and culture (historical heritage Andalusian and Ottoman)
- Traditional farming practices
- Fishing in the lagoon
- Tourism activities





Ghar El Melh

2007: Ramsar Site

2018: Ramsar City



Accréditée Ville Ramsar

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Impacts on The Area

Anthropogenic Impacts

**Over
exploitation of
the aquatic
ressources of
the lagoon**

**Intensive
Coastal
development
and Illegal
Constructions**

**Intensive
agriculture and
Tourism
Activity**

**Water
Resources
Pollution**



Impacts on The Area

Natural Impacts

**Coastal
Erosion**

**Sea Level
Rise**

Salinization





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CONSERVATION ET DEVELOPPEMENT
DURABLE DES ZONES HUMIDES CÔTIÈRES
À HAUTE VALEUR ÉCOLOGIQUE





OBJECTIVES

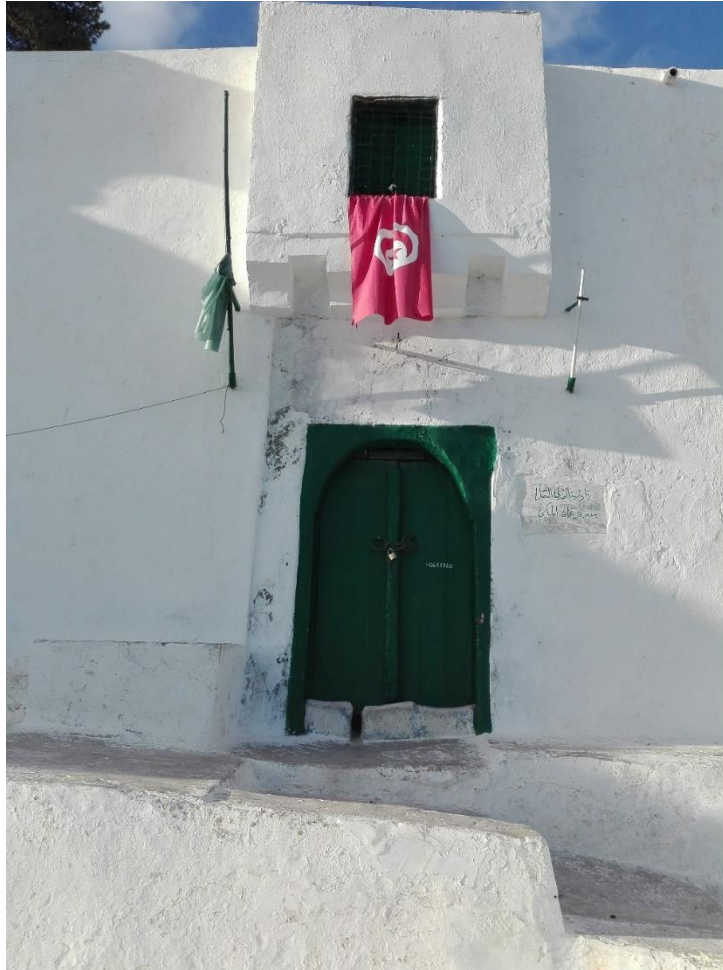
- Contribute to the economic, socio-cultural and ecological development of the Ghar El Melh area through the establishment of an **integrated management system** of available resources and good management practices.
- Build a participatory and **integrated local governance system** to preserve the Lagoon of Ghar le Melh

A decorative graphic in the bottom right corner featuring a stylized globe with green and blue segments, partially overlapping a teal shape. The text 'OFF YOUR MAP' is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

OFF
YOUR
MAP

Life
begins in
wetlands

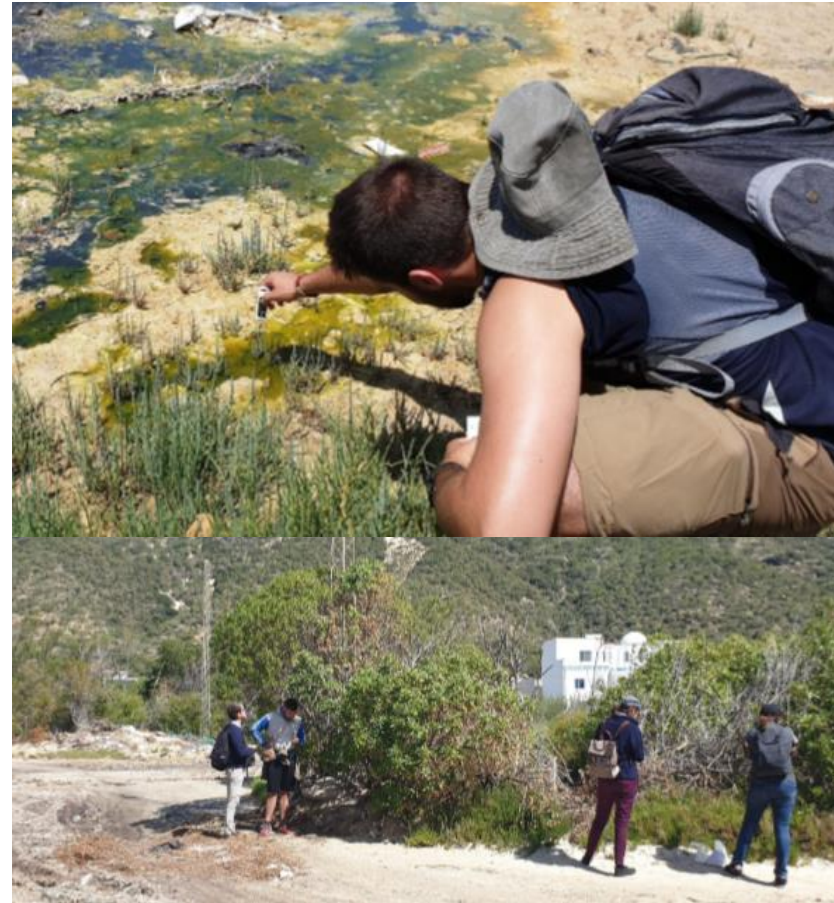
GemWet Strategies





Improve knowledge

- Compile and deepen knowledge on Biodiversity, Hydrology, Biological Resources
- Establishment of a site monitoring protocol for biodiversity



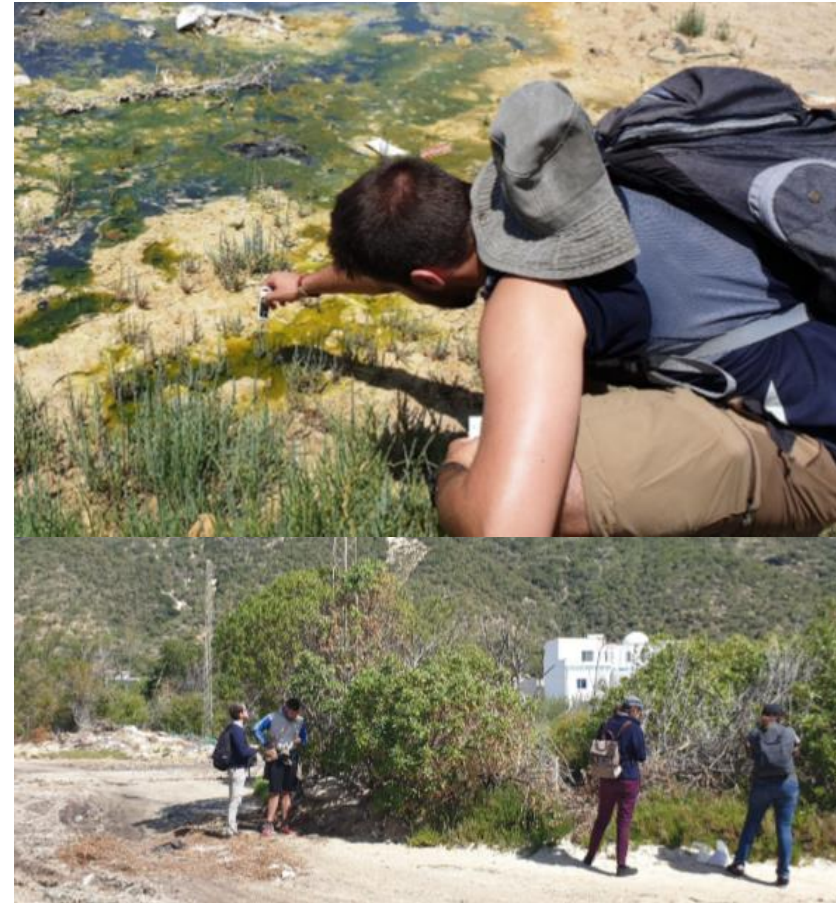
Partnership for nature and people





Improve knowledge

- Establishment of a database and a data management system (geographic information system)
- Academic exchange: Masters projects on wetland conservation between INAT and Tour du Valat and online courses: MedOpen on ICZM



Partnership for nature and people





Capacity building and raising awareness

- Raising public and stakeholder awareness of environmental issues
- Environmental education in schools





Capacity Building of Youth, women, farmers, fishermen and locals in water management, in agriculture, coastal zone management, local governance and leadership





Communication and Event



Camping
H₂O
24

Changement climatique et eau douce
21 et 22 Septembre



Ghar el Melh

Intervenez là où la nature en a besoin

Inscrivez-vous dès à présent
et rejoignez l'aventure



Ramsar City Accreditation Celebration





Best practices demonstration on tourism, agriculture, water use and fishing



- Identification of ideas for green projects that generate income for the local population and limit pressure on the lagoon (tourism, fishing)
- Development of a program of ecotourism activities and a network of service providers (guides, tables and guest houses, artisans)
- Promote of socio-economic activities (tourism, agriculture, fishing)





Promoting small scale fishery





Lobbying and policy work for decision makers



