

Workshop 3

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POSTER PRESENTATION

CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF THE EXOTIC INVASIVE PLANT *Carpobrotus* IN MINORCA.

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Exotic invasive plant species is identified as a major and increasingly threat on endangered plant species. As a result of this situation in the LIFE Nature project LIFE2000NAT/E/7355, "Conservation of areas with threatened species of flora in the island of Minorca" the control and eradication of the alien plant *Carpobrotus* is considered a main objective with several actions of the project focused on it. Along the project, to reach this objective, have been done some preparatory actions, like a detailed cartography and experimentation with different eradication methods, and have been used several types of working methods and of organisation. An overview of three years of works demonstrates that with a correct planning and coordination it is possible to control, even eradicate an alien exotic like *Carpobrotus*. But by means of a considerable economic expense, thus the prevention in a close monitoring on introduced potential invasive plants is the best tool to avoid future important problems.