



**Dedicated to protecting and preserving the exceptional land and marine biosphere reserve of Menorca**



***In 2017, the Menorca Preservation Fund (MEPF) was set up to preserve and promote a more sustainable approach to the island's way of life, tourism and socio-economic development by supporting local environmental initiatives.***

**Working towards a Zero-plastic & sustainable island**



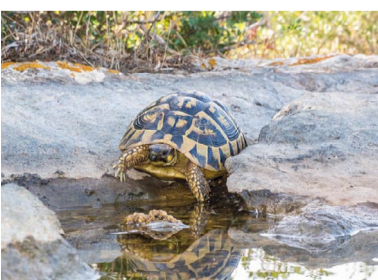
**New initiatives, network building & business partnerships**



**Environmental education & awareness**



**Preserving Menorca's biodiversity for future generations**



**Improved management of waste, water & clean energy.**



**Championing local heroes**



The key objective of the foundation is to pool funding from people who love Menorca, as we do, and to distribute those funds to local organisations, working on the most effective campaigns and projects which aim to protect and restore the island's natural environment.



#### MARINE CONSERVATION



#### FRESH WATER



#### Areas of interest

#### LANDSCAPE AND LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION



#### WASTE MANAGEMENT



#### RENEWABLE ENERGY



## Grant Agreements

### Fresh Water project

GOB Menorca (Balearic Group of Ornithology and Defense of Nature)

Restoration of water collection tanks and water storage facilities on working farms. Protecting the availability and quality of fresh water on the island is a key issue, and as such has been identified as a priority area of work for the MEPF to support.

Amount funded: €12,585

### MAR NOSTRA project

GOB Menorca (Balearic Group of Ornithology and Defense of Nature)

This is a programme designed to contribute to the marine conservation in Menorca using complementary and synergistic approaches to tackle illegal fishing, raise awareness about our seas situation and marine pollution, as well as reduce single-use plastics.

Amount funded: €38,395€

### Vulnerable Fish Study

OBSAM (Socio-Environmental Observatory of Menorca)

With fish studies having virtually stopped since 2011, it is estimated that some species have decreased by up to

80%. The results from this continued study of vulnerable fish populations will then feed into a wider marine conservation strategy.

Amount funded: €18,370

### Posidonia Oceanica Study

OBSAM (Socio-Environmental Observatory of Menorca)

This project supports the Balearic government by monitoring the posidonia meadows that surround Menorca. Monitoring oceanic posidonia is considered an essential activity if Menorca's wider marine conservation context is to be better understood.

Amount funded: €7,740

### Renewable Energy project

Alianza Mar Blava

Alianza Mar Blava is an inter-sectoral platform whose mission is to increase the protection of the Mediterranean Sea and to advance towards a more sustainable energy system based on energy saving, efficiency and renewable energies.

Amount funded by MEPF: €2,500 (Ibiza Preservation Fund, Mallorca Preservation Fund and Marilles Foundation are also supporting)

### Per La Mar Viva

This small non-profit organisation aims to raise awareness about marine plastic pollution, substantially reduce the levels of waste and liaise with the current authorities on how the current methods can be improved upon.

Amount funded: €2,326.32

### 'More Fish, Less Plastic' Project

LEADER (Local action group for Menorca's fisheries)

The campaign 'More fish, Less Plastic' aims to reduce plastic pollution by replacing harmful plastic and polystyrene fish packaging with biodegradable materials throughout the whole supply chain of Menorca's fisheries.

They also manage the Ghost Net project, which locates and removes discarded fishing nets from the sea, as well as educating to reduce illegal fishing.

Amount funded: €83,151.56 (with BLUE Marine Foundation)

Find more details about the projects at: [www.menorcapreservationfund.org](http://www.menorcapreservationfund.org)



## WHAT WE SUPPORT

Using the European Commission's 17 key sustainable development goals, alongside our own scoping report and on-going research that covers the different environmental challenges in Menorca, the Menorca Preservation Fund works with local organisations focused on environmental projects on the island.

By identifying and supporting the areas in need of greatest assistance, we feel can have the most significant and positive long-term preservation impact.

Projects focus on one or more of our five areas of interest and can range from beach cleaning exercises to supporting local farmers with local food production, or even working with marine research organisations to improve the marine conservation efforts on Menorca.

## WHO WE ARE

### Steering Committee Members:

George Anson, Chairman of the Steering Committee  
 Max Morgan  
 Tim and Meena Bond  
 Hon. Orlando Montagu and Lady Honor Montagu  
 Geneviève Joannic Debard  
 Emmanuel Lagarrigue  
 Peter Sweatman  
 Ben Goldsmith

The SC meets every two months to approve grants, direct strategy and discuss fundraising with our local Director, Rebecca Morris. With a background of working with NGO's, Menorca-native Rebecca, is in charge of day-to-day management and coordination of work with local authorities and organisations on the ground.

## SUPPORT US

There are a number of great local organisations working to protect Menorca's wonderful natural environment and helping to find a way of ensuring Menorca's long-term sustainability. Through them, and with your support, the MEPF is able to promote and improve the sustainability of this naturally unique world Biosphere Reserve.

Therefore, please help the Menorca Preservation Fund support these organisations in order that they can continue to grow and develop their environmental strategies, carry out the most effective projects and enable them to have the most positive impact on Menorca's future.

### Key Fundraising Partners

### Our global network

