

Our Projects

Projects	Description	
 National Integrated Coastal Zone 	Funding agency:	PAP/RAC (<u>https://paprac.org/</u>)
Management (ICZM) Strategy, Legislation,	Budget:	26,000 USD
and Plan Development	Period:	2024 (8 months)
	Implemented by:	Earth Link & Advanced Resources Development
	Partners:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program – Institute of the Environment –
		University of Balamand (MCR-IOE-UOB)
	Objective:	To updated the national ICZM strategy of 2015, updated the draft ICZM law of 2015
		and enhance Lebanon's governance framework for coastal zone management.
Provision of Services for the Fauna	Funding agency:	Ministry of foreign affair and international cooperation of the Italian Republic
assessment and development of priority	Budget:	262,500 USD
conservation and site-specific monitoring	Period:	2023-2024
plans within Nature Reserves in Lebanon	Implemented by:	UNDP
	Partners:	Association for bird conservation in Lebanon (ABCL)-University of Balamand(UOB)-
		Istituto oikos onlus(Oikos)
	Objective:	To Validate and update existing biodiversity surveys and shed the light on taxa of
		important biological and patrimonial value.
Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	Funding agency:	The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP)
Conservation in Anfeh Hima	Budget:	USD 100,000
	Period:	2022 (6 months)
	Implemented by:	IndyAct (Leader)
	Partners:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program – Institute of the Environment –
		University of Balamand (MCR-IOE-UOB) and Society for the Protection of Nature in
		Lebanon (SPNL)
	Objective:	Marine and coastal biodiversity in Anfeh Hima is effectively protected.





Projects	Description	
 To strengthen the capacities 	Funding agency:	European Commission
of Lebanese Non State Actors to	Budget:	526,978.98 Euro
enhance the use of evidence and	Period:	2022-2026
science in environmental policy-	Implemented by:	Lebanese Environmental Forum (LEF)
making and regulation (National)	Partners:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program – Institute of the Environment – University of Balamand (MCR-IOE-UOB)
	Objective:	The establishment of an effective MPAs network in Lebanon's EEZ is enhanced for the protection of Lebanon's coastal and marine biodiversity and ecosystems through a national non-state actors' advocacy campaign supported by science-based evidence.
PARSIFAL	Funding agency:	"Agence Française de Développement" (AFD)
	Budget:	EUR 385,937.9
	Period:	2021 – 2025
	Implemented by:	LNR program (Leader)
	Partners:	AFDC and Municipality of Tannourine
	Objective:	To address deforestation and local development through conducting stage of the art reforestation and sustainable forest management activities. Afforestation of 50 ha in high mountain areas Jered (Tannourine).
Baseline Marine Pollution Survey Project	Funding agency:	
	Budget:	USD 24,975
	Period:	2021 (10 months)
	Implemented by:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program
	Partners:	Resources and Waste Advisory Group SCE limited(Bulgaria) RWA
	Objective:	To assist in data collection, remote sensing and GIS, and conduct a field survey.





Projects	Description	
 Gender sensitive value chain analysis for 	Funding agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
agri food sector in Lebanon	Budget:	USD 15,000
	Period:	2020 (3 months)
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program
	Partners:	Fair Trade Lebanon (FTL) & InfoPro
	Objective:	To implement the project study, while identifying opportunities for women in the
		aim to reduce inequalities and gender gap.
 Provision of consultancy services to conduct a landscape-scale survey of 	Funding agency: (UNDP)	Global Environment Facility(GEF) through United Nations Development Program
mountain lands and high-country areas in	Budget:	USD 89,924
Akkar and Jbeil districts	Period:	2020 - 2024
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	Mapping & Analysis of land degradation. Development of a Decision-Support System for pilots' selection and an ecological assessment for the districts of Akkar and Jbeil
 Mainstreaming biodiversity management 	Funding agency:	Interreg Mediterranean
efforts for environmental sustainability	Budget:	-
	Period:	2020-2022
	Implemented by	: ETC-UMA
	Partners:	Centro TemáticoEuropeo-Universidad De Málaga; Commission Interméditerranéenne de la CRPM; Plan Bleu pour l'Environnement et le Développement en Méditerranée; Asociación Medcities; Ministarstvo održivog razvoja I turizma; Latte Creative SRL; Institut za more.
	Objective:	To spread the area of transferability to other Mediterranean areas.





Projects	Description	
Assess Climate Change Impact on	Funding agency:	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN))
Lebanon's Coastal Zone	Budget:	USD 24,500
	Period:	2019 (4 Months)
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To Conduct a literature review on vulnerability of marine biodiversity and ecosystems
		in Lebanon.
Conduct a Post-Fire Assessment across	Funding agency:	USAID
the country	Budget:	USD 24,886.69
	Period:	2019 (4 Months)
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program
	Partners:	Lebanon Reforestation Initiative (LRI)
	Objective:	To conduct a Post-Fire Assessment of the Lebanon 2019 fire season.
 Provision of Coordination and 	Funding agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Compilation of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) - based management plan in Eritrea Mainstreaming biodiversity management efforts for environmental	Budget:	USD 26,474
	Period:	2019 (3 Months)
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program
	Partners:	-
sustainability	Objective:	To facilitate cross- sectorial policy dialogue to develop more integrated strategies for
	-	sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries.
Carry out an Environmental Impact	Funding agency:	Consolidated Engineering Company S.A.L. (Khatib & Alami)
Assessment study for the New Fishery	Budget:	LBP 40,062,345
Harbor boats in Al-Minnieh	Period:	2019 (8 Months)
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To conduct a Marine Ecological Survey and Analysis for the New Fishery Harbor
	-	accomodating 150 fishing boats in Al-Minnieh, North Lebanon.
		To spread the area of transferability to other Mediterranean areas.





Projects	Description	
 Developing a labelling scheme for 	Funding agency:	European Delegation
Mediterranean small-scale and artisanal	Budget:	EUR 31,645
fish products (LabMAF)	Period:	2018 -2020
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program
	Partners:	Blue med
	Objective:	To develop optimal fishing strategies, technologies and practices and to acknowledge and advance responsible and competitive practices of the Mediterranean small scale fisheries and improve responsible consumption of fish products by capitalizing on
 Socio-economic assessment of the 	Funding aganav	similar practices, ideas and information that empower small-scale fishers.
fisheries sector in Anfeh	<u> </u>	
Institutes sector in Ameri	Budget:	USD 8,000
	Period:	2018 (6 weeks)
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	Socio-economic assessment of the fisheries sector in Anfeh.
 Recovery of affected marine ecosystems 	Funding agency:	European Union (ENI/2018/395-777)
and development of marine and coastal	Budget:	EUR 374,889
biodiversity	Period:	2018-2021
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	The Deployment of an Artificial Reef off the Lebanese shore.
 Master Plan Development for Jourd 	Funding agency:	Municipality of Tannourine
Tannourine	Budget:	LBP 19,599,289
	Period:	2017(3 months)
	Implemented by	: IOE/UOB coordinated by LNR
	Partners:	-Majal - UOB
	Objective:	Develop a Master Plan for Jourd Tannourine.





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 Identification of fauna and flora diversity 	Funding agency:	Municipality of Tannourine
in Jourd Tannourine	Budget:	LBP 9,975,285
	Period:	2017 (11 Months)
	Implemented by	: IOE/UOB coordinated by LNR
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	Assessment of fauna and flora diversity in Jourd Tannourine.
 Provision of professional services of a land 	Funding agency:	UNDP Lebanon
degradation mapping and assessment in	Budget:	USD 58,364.90
the districts of Zahle, Rachaya, and West	Period:	2017-2019
Bekaa	Implemented by	: LNR/IOE/UOB
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	Assessment of land degradation in Zahle, Rachaya, and West Bekaa.
 Services d'assistance technique et de 	Funding agency:	European Union (ENPI/2016/382-669)
formation dans le domaine des statistiques de pêche et d'aquaculture- Algérie	Budget:	EUR 53,010
	Period:	2016 - 2018
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program
	Partners:	INCATEMA Consulting & Engineering S.L (Leader)
	Objective:	Introduction of the FLOUCA Software for the fisheries sector in Algeria.





Projects	Description	
 Enhancing Food Security and Agricultural 	Funding agency:	European Commission.
Livelihoods in Crisis-Affected Areas of	Budget:	EUR 64,150
Akkar/Lebanon.	Period:	2016-2017
	Implemented by	: Agence d'aide à la Cooperation Technique et au Developpement (ACTED)
	Partners:	University of Bakamand
	Objective:	To promote socio-economic recovery of rural vulnerable communities of akkar, while
		the specific objective is to increase food security and ecologically sustainable
		agricultural livelihoods in crisis-affected border areas of Akkar.
The implementation of a pilot case study	Funding agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
on the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries	Budget:	USD 24,600
(EAF) in Lebanon	Period:	2016
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	Ministry of Agriculture
	Objective:	To develop a fishery management plan for the Purse Seine fishery of Lebanon.
 Scoping report of the Awali basin and coastal areaand TORs for their integrated 	Funding agency:	UNEP GEF Med partnership
	Budget:	USD 28,500
management plan	Period:	2015
	Implemented by	: Institute of the Environment (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To develop a Scoping report of the Awali basin and coastal area and TORs for their
		integrated management plan.
 Provision of professional services for the 	Funding agency:	United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
Inventory Development, Management	Budget:	USD 49,971
Plans for Two Forests in Lebanon	Period:	2015
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	University of Lleida





Projects	Description	
 Sustainable Action for Bioenergy 	Funding agency:	European Commission
Production in Koura (SABioP)	Budget:	EUR 749,954
	Period:	2015-2018
	Implemented by:	Environmental and Energy Economics Program (Leader)
	Partners:	Koura Municipalities Union (KMU), Koura Development Council (KDC)
	Objective:	To implement a sustainable activity for biofuel production (biomass briquettes) from
		pruning residues of olive groves and public forests, to support the KMU in facing
		challenges related to energy sustainability.
Legal and technical support for	Funding agency:	Palm Island Nature Reserve (PINR)
developing ecotourism at the Palm Island	Budget:	USD 14,795 (EUR 13,340)
Nature Reserve	Period:	2014-2016
	Implemented by:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To develop legal procedures/guidelines for "tour operators", "tour guides" and
		"scuba diving clubs" to visit the PINR beyond the regular season, therefore
		introducing sustainability of monitoring and research activities.
 Market policy and legislative development 	Funding agency:	Ministry of Environment – Global Environment Fund
for mainstreaming the sustainable	Budget:	LBP 57,511,000
management of marine and coastal ecosystems in Lebanon. National consultancy for the identification of legal, policy and institutional gaps and policy reforms drafted for marine and coastal biodiversity protection	Period:	2014-2015
	Implemented by:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To identify legal, policy, and institutional gaps and drafting policy reforms for the protection of coastal and marine biodiversity.





Projects	Description	
Forestry actions in Lebanon: Assessing	Funding agency:	European Commission
Reforestation and Forest Development	Budget:	EUR 333,427
Activities in partnership with local	Period:	2014-2018
communities (ARDAC)	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	Municipality of Menjez
ioe-ardac.balamand.edu.lb	Objective:	To address deforestation and local development through conducting state-of-the-art
		reforestation and sustainable forest management activities in line with the 40 million
		trees program of the Ministry of Agriculture.
Firewise: a pioneer project in Lebanon	Funding agency:	United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Lebanon
(The "Firewise Project")		Reforestation Initiative (LRI)
	Budget:	USD 20,000
	Period:	2014
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To develop and implement a custom-made firewise project for the Farid and Daad
		Karam Reserve (FDKR) and its surroundings.
Mapping Potential Public Hunting Areas	Funding agency:	Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL)
(PHAs) in Lebanon	Budget:	USD 23,551
	Period:	2013-2014
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To identify and map 10 Public Hunting Areas (PHAs) on municipal land that would
		cover all legal game species according to the hunting law 580/2004.
 Provision of Professional Services for the 	Funding agency:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Preparation of GHG emissions and Mitigation chapter of Land Use and Land	Budget:	USD 33,104
	Period:	2013-2014
Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)		: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To prepare the GHG emissions and Mitigation chapter of Land Use and Land
		Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF).





Projects	Description	
Advancing forest fire research in Lebanon	Funding agency:	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)and Lebanon
		Reforestation Initiative (LRI)
	Budget:	USD 39,800
	Period:	2013-2014
	Implemented by:	Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To produce fire management maps for use in a website application (FireWise) which
		can be employed by various stakeholders for improved forest fire management in
		Lebanon.
Pilot survey on fisheries dependent data	Funding agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
collection in Lebanon including training	Budget:	USD 59,760
(PO 299074)	Period:	2012-2013
	Implemented by:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To improve and implement the national fisheries dependent data collection program.
 Towards a better assessment and 	Funding agency:	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-National Academies of
management of wildfire risk in the		Sciences (NAS)
Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) in	Budget:	USD 134,504
Lebanon: gaining from the US experience	Period:	2012-2016
	Implemented by:	Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
home.balamand.edu.lb/wildfire	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To investigate the feasibility of developing a wildfire-climate model for Lebanon that
		simulates the interactions among climate change, expansion of human development into wildland areas, and wildfire risk in the WUI.





Projects	Description	
 Deployment of an artificial reef in Abdeh 	Funding agency:	Lions/Rotary-Lebanon
marine waters, North Lebanon	Budget:	USD 13,475
	Period:	2012
	Implemented by:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To identify the best location for, and deployment of an artificial reef off the coast of
		Lebanon in front of Abdeh.
 Environmental Resources Monitoring in 	Funding agency:	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Lebanon Project (ERML)	Budget:	USD 95,000
	Period:	2011-2012
	Implemented by:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To improve the understanding of the environmental quality in Lebanon and
		its implications for the population through the development and implementation of environmental monitoring programs.
Evaluating coastal risk on the Chekka El	Funding agency:	University of Balamand Research Council
Heri beach through the assessment of the	Budget:	LBP 11,000,000
physical oceanographic parameters	Period:	2011-2013
	Implemented by:	Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To understand the physical factors which affect the retreat and deterioration of the
		Chekka/El Heri beach.
Fire sensors at the Farid and Daad Karam	Funding agency:	University of Balamand Research Council
Reserve (FDKR)	Budget:	LBP 6,000,000
	Period:	2011-2012
	Implemented by:	Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To develop an automated system for early warning of forest fires in the FDKR.





Projects	Description	
 Change detection mapping 	Funding agency:	Planet Action
	Budget:	Euro 35,880 In-kind
	Period:	2010-2011
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader))
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	Monitor changes in forest cover using satellite images.
 Fuel type mapping 	Funding agency:	National Council for Scientific Research - Lebanon
	Budget:	LBP 8,500,000
	Period:	2010-2011
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To map fuel type in North Lebanon using satellite images.





Projects	Description	
 People for Ecosystem Based Governance in assessing Sustainable Development of Ocean and Coast (PEGASO) 	Funding agency:	European Commission
	Budget:	USD 11,700,000
	Period:	2010-2014
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Partner)
	Partners:	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, PLAN BLEU, IFREMER, ACRI EC, IOC UNESCO, Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, University of Nottingham, Vlaams Instituut voor de Zee, University Ca' Foscari of Venice, Commission of the European Communities - Directorate General Joint Research Centre, Université de Genève, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Akdeniz Kiyi Vakfi (Mediterranean Coastal Foundation), Institutul National de Cercetare Dezvoltare Delta Dunarii, Université Mohammend V-Agdal, Association de Réflexion, d'Echanges et d'Actions pour l'Environnement et le Développement, National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (NIOF), University of Balamand, Marine Hydrophysical Institute - Ukrainian National Academy Of Sciences, Fondation Tour du Valat, Permanent Secretariat Of The Commission On The Protection Of The Black Sea Against Pollution
	Objective:	Provide an opportunity to the science and end-user communities all around the Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea basins to work together in order to identify common threats and solutions to the long-term sustainable development and environmental protection of coastal zones bordering theses regional seas.
 Conflict and Environment in North- Lebanon: A longitudinal study of environmental and socio-economic mitigation processes in conflict-affected areas. 	Funding agency:	Netherland Organization for Scientific Research-WOTRO Science for Global
		Development
	Budget:	EUR 572,296
	Period:	2009-2014
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Partner)
	Partners:	University of Twente – the Netherlands
	Objective:	To assess risks associated with long term conflicts related to vulnerability of the human environment system.





Projects	Description	
 Survey of the Fishing Sector and 	Funding agency:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Associated Activities in Abdeh Harbor - North Lebanon	Budget:	USD 21,890
	Period:	2009
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To conduct a survey of the fishing sector and its associated activities in Abdeh Harbor in North Lebanon.
 Assessing the Mammalian Diversity in 	Funding agency:	Royal Embassy of the Netherlands in Lebanon
Horsh Ehden Nature Reserve	Budget:	USD 20,000
	Period:	2008-2010
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To identify the mammalian biodiversity in the reserve.
 Field Research in the Farid and Daad 	Funding agency:	FORD Foundation
Karam Reserve	Budget:	USD 10,000
	Period:	2008
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To identify the plant biodiversity in the reserve.
 Aerobiology Research Project for the 	Funding agency:	Schering Plow
Identification of Airborne Pollen Common to Lebanon	Budget:	In kind
	Period:	2007
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Center In Lebanon (LSAI)
	Objective:	To identify, characterize and count the atmospheric pollen grains encountered in
		Lebanon.





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 Awareness Campaigns in schools and Municipalities: Educational Program for Awareness on Biodiversity 	Funding agency:	FORD Foundation
	Budget:	USD 8,000
	Period:	2006-2008
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	Educational program for awareness on biodiversity
 Integrated Management of East Mediterranean Coastlines (IMAC) 	Funding agency:	European Commission
	Budget:	EUR 1,200,000
	Period:	2006-2009
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	Adelphi Research gGmbH, Interdisciplinary Institute for Environmental Research
		(DIPE), International Marine Centre (IMC)
	Objective:	To establish the process of ICZM (Integrated Coastal Zone Management) in Northern Lebanon and introduce long-term and sustainable mechanisms for the adoption of an integrated approach to Coastal Zone development initiated and endorsed by all
		stakeholders.
Young Master's Program	Funding agency:	Lund University, Sweden
	Budget:	USD 8,000
	Period:	2006-2007
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To build environmental awareness and education.
 Assessment of Commercial Fish Species 	Funding agency:	Institute of the Environment, University of Balamand
	Budget:	-
	Period:	2005-Present
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	A resource center for fisheries data on the Lebanese coast and beyond.

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 Eco - Guide Training 	Funding agency:	Ministry of Environment
	Budget:	USD 8,000
	Period:	2005
	Implemented by	: Land and Natural Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To develop a manual for training eco-guides in the eco-tourism sector.
Collection & Identification of Solid Wastes	Funding agency:	Ramoge Agreement & the Mediterranean Action Plan
Caught off the Coast of El - Mina and	Budget:	USD 5,000
Tripoli	Period:	2005
	Implemented by	: Marine and Coastal Resources Program (Leader)
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To calculate the different percentages of floating solid wastes off the Lebanese coast
		of Tripoli and Mina.
MEDERMIS - Phase 2	Funding agency:	United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and AMIDEAST
	Budget:	USD 39,745
	Period:	2003-2004
	Implemented by	: Faculty of Health Sciences – University of Balamand
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To disseminate calculated indicators through a web-based "information system" to
		the public at large to enhance transparency, accountability and good governance.
• MEDERMIS - Phase 1	Funding agency:	University of Athens, Greece
	Budget:	USD 187,018
	Period:	2000-2002
	Implemented by	: Faculty of Health Sciences – University of Balamand
	Partners:	-
	Objective:	To establish a decentralized environment & sustainable
		development monitoring network through local authorities using environment8
		development indicators.

