

## **World Wetlands Day celebrated at San Roque with Fundación Cepsa**

- **The Estación Ambiental Madre Vieja nature reserve will play host to several environmental workshops in February to teach school children about the value of this natural space**
- **For the fourth year running, more than 500 year 6 pupils from the district of Campo de Gibraltar will take part in this activity**

Fundación Cepsa will celebrate World Wetlands Day throughout February with an extensive program of school visits to the Estación Ambiental Madre Vieja nature reserve. Workshops will be run to raise awareness of the environmental value of wetlands.

World Wetlands Day has been held on February 2 since 1977 in commemoration of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands signed in Ramsar (Iran): the first treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands. Fundación Cepsa has played a part in this celebration for the last four years, running an environmental education program for children from schools in Campo de Gibraltar district. Pupils visiting Estación Ambiental Madre Vieja participate in fun, educational workshops to learn about the importance of this type of natural spaces first hand.

The children are also invited to take part in a competition by submitting their drawings and photos of the nature reserve. This year, over 500 year-six children from elementary schools across the district will discover and learn more about this natural space next to Cepsa's facilities in San Roque.

Schools from the town of Atunara, La Línea de la Concepción, will kick off the first of the visits next Monday. Under the slogan "Wetlands for a sustainable urban future", the school pupils have taken part in educational workshops on wetlands, their importance, and the role they play in sustainable urban development.

Since 2014, over a thousand children from schools across the district have been given the chance to participate in educational activities at the Estación Ambiental Madre Vieja nature reserve as part of these environmental workshops.

### **Estación Ambiental Madre Vieja**

In 2009, Cepsa decided to recover and restore this nature reserve as part of its policy on biodiversity, sustainability, and support and respect for the environment, with a view to promoting nature research. The site also serves as

a space for environmental education and is open to the public. Cepsa led the project, which was the first of its kind in the province of Cádiz. Nine years after it was opened, it continues to grow in importance. The richness and diversity of its habitats have made Estación Ambiental Madre Vieja a real sanctuary for around 150 catalogued species of birds.

**Fundación Cepsa** is a general interest, non-profit entity with the goal of undertaking initiatives to serve the needs and priorities of the local communities where its founder, COMPAÑÍA ESPAÑOLA DE PETRÓLEOS S.A.U. (Cepsa), conducts its activities. The areas of action for Fundación Cepsa are social, cultural, environmental, scientific-educational, and support for amateur sports.

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