

Fundación Cepsa marks World Environment Day with a volunteering event

- **Cepsa staff and their families took part in the event at the Finca de Osorio nature reserve**
- **Participants were made more aware of the impact of humans on the environment and also did their bit to conserve the site**

Fundación Cepsa joined in activities in the Canary Islands marking World Environment Day, organizing a day of corporate volunteering at the Finca de Osorio nature reserve owned by the Gran Canaria inter-island council and forming part of the Doramas Rural Park.

Cepsa staff and their families took part in the event and were given the opportunity to discover the rich diversity of this forest covering 200 hectares, located two kilometers outside the town of Teror.

Environmental awareness-raising activities kicked off with a visit to the Life+Rabiche Project interpretation center, which aims to reintroduce the laurel pigeon on Gran Canaria and for it to become a breeding center for this native island species that had disappeared.

Volunteers then visited the island's laurel nursery specializing in growing the species that make up this type of forest. Children were even able to help plant canary laurel seeds (a tree that is characteristic of the island's forest life).

Cepsa has donated two 1,000-liter water tanks to the center for irrigating a new plantation that provides seed for the birds. Fundación Cepsa volunteers joined forces to water the plantation for the first time, creating a human chain to deliver 25 liters of water to each of the 50 plants using 5-liter containers –the only way to water the site because of its topography. They also cleared the land of weeds and brush and dug small trenches around the plants.

The day ended with the group going on a guided hike to find out about the rich variety of trees in this ecosystem and the importance of protecting it. The reserve is home to some of the only remaining laurel trees of the Doramas Forest and a wide range of trees introduced since the nineteenth century, especially chestnut but also some cork, elm, banana and oak.

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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