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Once upon a time the... sea... the story continues 23 24

The school is located in one of a marine reserve. The project Once upon a time... the sea... the story continues is now a cornerstone of our school. Started in 2018 thanks to an Erasmus project, it has evolved and the objectives and activities are part of the school's training curriculum. Many of the parents and relatives of the students are fishermen, even if this profession has lost importance over the years. The awareness that respect, defense and recovery of the environment in which we live and in which the history of our communities has developed requires the school to promote a knowledge of the territory that is not abstract but direct and concrete. The students of our Institute belong to a seaside community, to a nation whose territory has an extensive and diversified coastline; therefore it is really important to help students to have with the "sea" not only a relationship of greater knowledge, but also of love, respect and protection to thus hand over the future of the sea to generations aware of their role. It is intended to help pupils to grow and mature the sensitivity necessary to read, interpret, know and protect the marine environment, perceive the importance of the marine ecosystem, deepen their knowledge of the sea and its riches, promote positive behavior in towards the environment and in the use of resources.

The sea is a source of stories, legends, tradition, riches, the scene of encounters but also of contradictions and clashes, a sea of desperation and... unfortunately also of death. (unfortunately all the immigrants) The sea is the most precious resource we have, it is our history and it must be our tomorrow. The aim of our project is understanding how living within a marine reserve is a privilege, raising awareness among young people about safeguarding their environment, using the sea in an sustainable, respecting times and nature. The project involves all school levels, kindergarden, primary, secondary, each group will address themes and objectives based on their own needs and integrating objectives with curricular objectives. The students will be actively involved, becoming active protagonists, but in the meantime acquiring awareness of the importance of the sea both from a historical, scientific and cultural point of view in general, without neglecting the economic aspects. The experience of "doing", of participating, of experiencing firsthand all the activities related to the sea will be promoted. They will become custodians of the marine reserve and will be able to use their experiences for ongoing education. The students will work on science lessons relating mainly to the flora and fauna of the Mediterranean Sea, they will clean the coasts, and collect organic and inorganic material to analyze in the laboratories, describing texts on the actions carried out, they will study the history of Isola delle Femmine, they will produce a podcast and participate in competitions. A very relevant aspect will be linked to the fauna, to the various types of fishing that the Mediterranean offers, and to the related types of

fishing, focusing on the concept of overfishing. fishing evolves in cuisine, in the importance of eating fish caught in the surrounding places where it is still possible to find clean waters with controlled pollution

Environmental associations and local political actors will be involved, but also the University of Palermo. The Project pursues goals 10 and 14 of the 2030 Agenda. the project wants to educate pupils in the values of active citizenship and the development of the social dimension. All the projects will be visited on [https://padlet.com/anna\\_durante/onceupon-a-time-the-sea-the-story-continues23-24-89h06yzpu6l6jjyo](https://padlet.com/anna_durante/onceupon-a-time-the-sea-the-story-continues23-24-89h06yzpu6l6jjyo)