

COAST DAY

2024

# #WomensWave for coastal sustainability in the Mediterranean



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# Join us on September 25th!

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Each year, we come together on this important date to celebrate Mediterranean Coast Day — a day dedicated to raising awareness about the critical environmental issues affecting our coasts. Since 2007, this event has grown to cover a wide range of themes, with a strong focus on the health of coastal and marine ecosystems and the promotion of sustainable development in the region.

# 2024 theme: Women in coastal sustainability

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This edition highlights the vital role women play in preserving our coastlines. By showcasing the achievements and insights of extraordinary women across the Mediterranean, we aim to inspire new perspectives, foster collaboration, and reinforce our commitment to securing a greener future.

  
**20 to 43%**

gender gap to be closed in the Mediterranean<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 2020 report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean, Plan Bleu

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new Mediterranean countries approved legislation to balance gender representation in national parliaments and/or regional structures since 2016<sup>2</sup>



In 2021, Tunisia became the first Arab country to have a woman serve as head of government!<sup>2</sup>



**Tatjana Hema** | UNEP/MAP COORDINATOR

“At UNEP/MAP, we believe that women have a key role to play in solving the pressing environmental issues facing the region. *Gender equality is a cross-cutting objective and must be a key focus of national policies, budgets, and institutions.*”

Women have distinct responsibilities in our economies and societies, but often face different levels of access to resources compared to men. Despite these disparities, their contributions remain complementary and essential.

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<sup>2</sup> Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal and Tunisia / Data Highlights — UfM Regional Dialogue on Women Empowerment in the Euro-Mediterranean region (2022)

# Focusing on solutions to drive long-term change

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Promote gender balance in coastal management decision-making bodies



Implement policies that promote gender parity in coastal management authorities and committees



Introduce leadership programmes in schools and community centres focused on sustainable coastal management, ensuring they are accessible to girls and young women



Facilitate the creation and growth of networks and associations for women in coastal management



Establish indicators to monitor the progress of gender inclusion in coastal management

# Dive into the stories of inspiring women!

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**Maria  
Snoussi**

PROFESSOR OF COASTAL GEOSCIENCES AND COORDINATOR OF THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR THE TANGIER-TÉTOUAN-AL HOCEIMA COASTLINE FOR PAP/RAC

“Without the support of local decision-makers, we won’t be able to achieve integrated coastal management.”



**Ana  
Mišurović**

TOXICOLOGIST AND EXPERT ON MARINE POLLUTION AND THE FIRST WOMAN MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN MONTENEGRO

“Finding a permanent and efficient waste management solution, along with raising environmental awareness, is key.”



**Laura  
Khatib**

BLUE ECONOMY CONSULTANT AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE LEBANESE NGO GUARDIANS OF THE BLUE

“We should move beyond institutionalized environmental management while advocating for peaceful actions. The sea doesn’t care about borders.”

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