

Coordination of the project “Sustainable Development of the Biosphere Reserve of the Delta of the Sine and Saloum through the promotion of eco-tourism”

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Location: Senegal

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Companies Involved: Las Palmas University Foundation, Canaest, S.L.

Description

The global objective of the project is to diversify incomes of the Saloum Delta communities in Senegal through different lines of actions and objectives:

- To create the basis for diversification of the community’s economy through the creation of three different routes of eco-tourism managed by local population in Communitarian Centres of Eco-tourism.
- Improve transport infrastructures through a combination of terrestrial and aquatic transport able to satisfy the visitors and residents needs.
- To impulse the formation of Eco-tourism community guides, cultural and natural guides, trainers in micro-business and environmental managers specially in the fields of renewable energy and sewage water.
- To promote efficiency in public management of the ecosystems as well as community involvement and participation in decision-making process
- To enhance the incorporation of low cost solar, thermal and photovoltaic systems for domestic energy production.
- To create the trade mark “eco-tourism and solidarity” through a promotion plan together with close collaboration with specialised distributors, web page creation, and development of economic, social and environmental indicators for impact evaluation.