

## **ACTION FACT SHEET FOR PRODUCT MANAGER**

## Water points or ponds for fauna

Goal

Availability of water for wild fauna.

An increase of habitats for biodiversity.

The presence of permanent water points, either of natural or anthropic origin (rafts irrigation, drinking troughs for livestock, ditches, wells, fountains, etc.) also provides water for wild fauna.

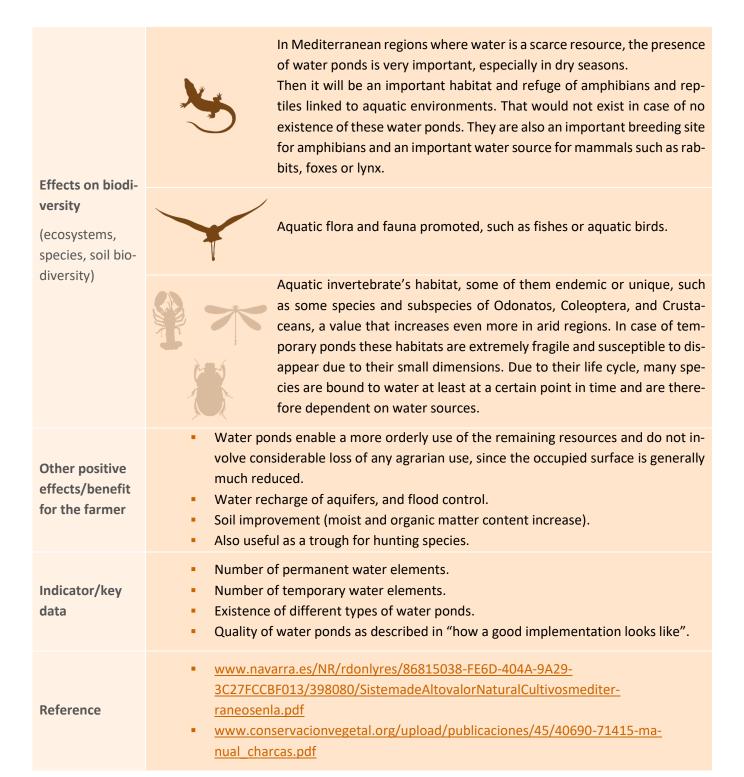
Short description of the measure



Bad (left) vs good (right) example of a water pond.

Quality elements of soundly implemented biodiversity measures

- The water points could be permanent or temporary. Big and depth or small ponds with a low depth.
- Design the action to minimize long-term maintenance term.
- Better to create a set of ponds of different types (definition depth, hydro-period, vegetation cover, etc.) that an isolated pond.
- Water ponds must be accessible (allow the entry and exit of animals). Favor the perimeter, create shores and coastal areas as much as possible, wide and undulating as possible. Create very steep slopes and shores with low slope (lower of 12°) and with different depths.
- Do not use phytosanitary products, herbicides or fertilizers in 10 m around the pond.
- Avoid an intense use of the pond for livestock, in order to avoid the eutrophication of waters. Try to leave only a shore for the animals in a low density.
- Must have associated native vegetation, very important to avoid slopes erosion and silting of sediments. Favor the presence of trees and shrubs close to the ponds, and leave some shores with a soft sleep and sand to favor lime birds.



**Further information: Knowledge Pool** 

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