



## **A company creates an app to identify and monitor invasive species in the Mediterranean region**

LOCATION: Seville

DURATION: 1'37"

**SUMMARY:** A company has developed a tool for the International Union for the Preservation of Nature, the oldest and most prestigious international organization in this area. The app permits cataloguing and monitoring invasive species found in the Mediterranean region, animals and plants, one of the biggest threats to this environment.

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There's nothing more beautiful than watching marine species like this one, or this other. As long as they are in their natural habitat, or in a controlled environment, like this new aquarium in Seville. Out of here, they may become a major problem. This company based in Seville has created an app that permits cataloguing and monitoring invasive species in the Mediterranean region.

**HÉCTOR GARCÍA**  
**Director of Geographica**

*"It includes the 50 most dangerous exotic marine invasive species in the Mediterranean region."*

Like the *Siganus Luridus*, also known as the dusky spinefoot. It comes from the Indian Ocean and has arrived to the Mediterranean through the Suez Canal. The problem is the damage it can cause to local species.

**JAVIER ARAGÓN**  
**Software developer**

*"Tomorrow a diver detects a species, a crab, a fish, a plant, etcetera, that shouldn't be there and just takes a picture of it and uploads it to the app. It generates traffic in a scientific network."*

This way their presence is registered, alerting the scientific community and authorities so they can take measures against their impact.

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**Director of Geographica**

*"It has been created with international scope. It is multilingual: it is available in Spanish, French and English. Researchers and universities from 15 countries in Africa and Europe are working on it."*

The European Commission estimates that there are 1.000 invaders in the Mediterranean region. This app has been developed for the International Union for the Preservation of Nature, the oldest and most prestigious international organization in this area. A tool at the service of the scientific community and of everyone who is worried about sustainability in the Mediterranean region.

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