



What is Threatening the Tunquén Wetland Nature Sanctuary?



What and Where is the Tunquén Wetland Nature Sanctuary?

The area comprises over 100ha of wetland habitats including the Casablanca Creek, marshes, reedbed and dune system. It is considered one of the hotspots for biodiversity in central coast of Valparaíso, Chile. It hosts over 80 species of birds, 17 species of mammals and 200 species of plants.

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- The area was designated a Nature Sanctuary in 2015 as a recognition to the uniqueness of its habitats and importance of the wetlands as a wintering ground for migratory birds.
- However, it faces considerable challenges due to large scale development projects and unsustainable water management practices going on throughout the Casablanca catchment.
- Corporación Humedal Tunquén organized a session with the local community and environmental authorities to highlight the ecosystem services they have been providing.
- Corporación Humedal Tunquén is in the process of developing a master plan to safeguard those benefits through sustainable management in the long term.

What Can You Do to Help?

Get involved with or donate to the Corporación Humedal Tunquén (www.humedaltunquen.cl). Corporación Humedal Tunquén strives for the preservation, enhancement and sustainable management of the Tunquén Wetland Nature Sanctuary.



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