

MAR MENOR

AND ITS BASIN

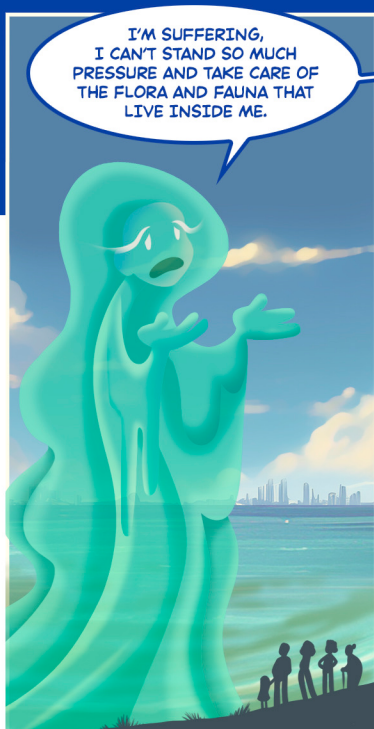
LEGAL PERSONALITY

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

I HAVE
A VOICE
NOW!

I WOULD
LIKE TO TALK
TO YOU!





THE PRESSURE OF ABUSIVE AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES, TOURISM AND MINING CAUSED ME A PROFOUND IMBALANCE THAT I EXPRESSED IN 2016 (PEA SOUP), OCTOBER 2019 AND AUGUST 2021 (ANOXEMIAS). IT RESULTED IN A GREAT DIE-OFF OF MY FLORA AND FAUNA. IT WAS A REAL ECOCIDE.



SINCE 2016, SEVERAL DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD TO DEFEND ME. THE TWO BIGGEST ONES WERE IN OCTOBER 2019 (55,000 PEOPLE) IN FRONT OF THE REGIONAL PARLIAMENT IN CARTAGENA AND IN OCTOBER 2021 (70,000 PEOPLE) IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY OF MURCIA.



A GROUP OF EIGHT PEOPLE WAS FORMED (FIVE WOMEN AND THREE MEN) IN THE "PLAZA DEL ESPEJO" SQUARE IN LOS ALCÁZARES. THEY DECIDED TO TAKE MEASURES TO MAKE MY PROBLEMS VISIBLE, IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC AND FACING THE PASSIVITY OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. LED BY TERESA VICENTE, THIS CITIZEN MOVEMENT ORGANISED THE COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES IN THE WHOLE OF SPAIN AND BEYOND.



A PLI (POPULAR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE) NEEDS 500,000 SIGNATURES TO BE DEBATED IN PARLIAMENT. OUR PLI ASKED TO GIVE ME, THE MAR MENOR AND ITS BASIN, ITS OWN RIGHTS AND A LEGAL PERSONALITY. WE COLLECTED 639,826 VALID SIGNATURES.



ON SEPTEMBER 30TH, THE PLI WAS PASSED BY THE SPANISH PARLIAMENT WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES EXCEPT FOR VOX AND BECAME THE FIRST LAW IN EUROPE TO GRANT SUBJECTIVE RIGHTS TO AN ECOSYSTEM (LEY 19/2022). MY ECOSYSTEM! IT CAME INTO FORCE AFTER THE PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL STATE GAZETTE ON OCTOBER 3RD 2022.

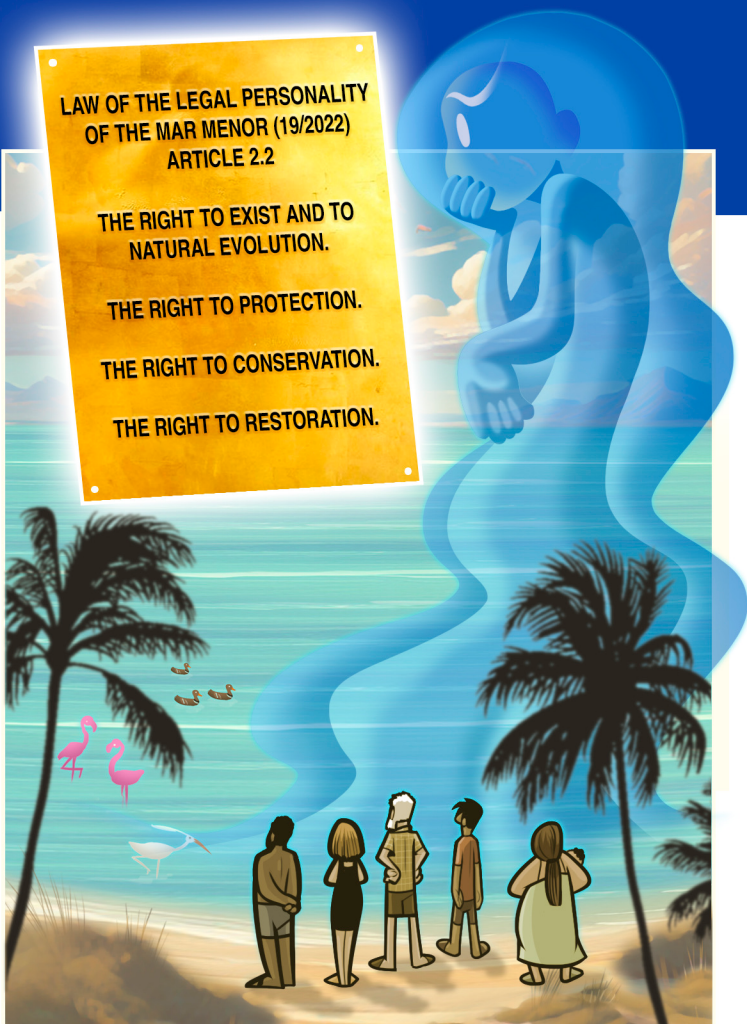
**LAW OF THE LEGAL PERSONALITY
OF THE MAR MENOR (19/2022)
ARTICLE 2.2**

**THE RIGHT TO EXIST AND TO
NATURAL EVOLUTION.**

THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION.

THE RIGHT TO CONSERVATION.

THE RIGHT TO RESTORATION.



WHAT
DOES LEGAL
PERSONALITY
MEAN?

IT MEANS THAT
THE MAR MENOR HAS ITS OWN
VOICE, IT CAN TAKE TO THE COURTS
TO DEFEND ITS RIGHT TO EXIST, TO
DEFEND ITSELF, AND TO PROTECT
ITS ECOSYSTEM.



**BECAUSE I AM NOT JUST THE MIRROR OF WATER WHERE
YOU ARE REFLECTED. I AM ALL OF MY BASIN. THE FIELDS
AND ORCHARDS, THE MOUNTAINS OF LA UNION, THE RAMBLA
DEL ALBUJÓN, THE WATERWAYS, THE AQUIFERS THAT
HIDE BELOW THE EARTH BUT TO WHICH I'M ALWAYS
CONNECTED... THOSE WHO LIVE IN THIS TERRITORY, WE ARE
THE MAR MENOR. THE HARM THEY DO TO ME, THEY DO TO
ALL OF US. HELPING ME MEANS HELPING OURSELVES.**

BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH
YOU SEE ME DETERIORATING.
I CAN STILL RECOVER AND BE THE
PLACE WHERE WEE MEET. I JUST
NEED A LITTLE HELP.

WITH
NATURE-BASED
SOLUTIONS.

REPORTING
THOSE WHO
HARM ME.

SO THAT MY
WATERS AND MY BASIN
DO NOT DETERIORATE.



THE LAW HAS MADE US A REFERENCE POINT
FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATURE ALL OVER THE
WORLD. IN PARIS, LONDON, VENICE AND BERLIN,
WE ARE AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW. WE HAVE TO
LIVE UP TO IT!

WHAT CAN I DO?

MANY THINGS.

BECOME A GUARDIAN AND REPORT IF YOU SEE SOMEONE HARMING THE LAGOON OR ITS BASIN.

BECOME PART OF THE ASSOCIATIONS THAT DEFEND THE MAR MENOR.

TAKE PART IN OUR AWARENESS OR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS.

CREATE YOUR OWN CAMPAIGN WHERE YOU LIVE.

BE A ROLE MODEL AND SPREAD AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT THROWING GARBAGE ON THE GROUND OR IN THE SEA, AND OF CLEANING UP AFTER ENJOYING A DAY IN NATURE.

SPREAD THE WORD AND GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED BY ORGANISING DEBATES, TALKS AND MEETINGS.

THIS STORY HAS JUST BEGUN... ARE YOU IN?

**THIS STORY WAS DESIGNED BY ASSOCIATIONS
THAT DEFEND THE MAR MENOR.**



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