



## EMYS DAY

### May 23, 2024-World Turtle Day.

## PROGRAM

In **Liguria**, at the **Acquario di Genova**, experts from the LIFE URCA PROEMYS Project **introduce visitors to this species**. The public will be taken to the curatorial areas where the baby pond terrapins, born at the Emys Center in Albenga, are housed to monitor their growth during their first year of life, before returning to Albenga, for their release into the wild.

**Appointment Thursday, May 23**, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the pond terrapins tank in the Biodiversity Pavilion. Activity included in the entrance fee; no reservations required.

In **Abruzzo**, the **WWF Regional Nature Reserve Oasis “Lago di Serranella”** offers **educational activities** dedicated to **Emys** on **May 23, 24 and 26**.

The Reserve's Environmental Education Center will offer a walk along the oasis trails and a mini-workshop to make a 3-D tortoise.

On days 23-24, activities will be aimed at schools.

On Sunday, May 26, the final day of “WWF Oasis Month”, the activity will be open to all during 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Reservations required by Saturday, May 25 at (via sms or whatsapp) 333-7971892 or 339-7384228.

In **Veneto**, at the **WWF Oasis in Noale**, a **guided tour** “Discovering the pond terrapin” is scheduled for **May 23 at 10 am**.

An opportunity to learn about the pond terrapin and discover where to look for them, what they look like and how they live, and how they differ from the American pond terrapins. An in-depth look at their ecology and habits, as well as the Life PROEMYS project that features them.

The meeting is at the oasis visitor center on Ongari Street in Noale (next to the new paddle courts). Reservations are required via whatsapp at 3334336904.

In **Lazio**, the **WWF Macchiagrande** oasis in Fiumicino will host a focus on the morning of **May 23** for schools on the pond terrapin *Emys orbicularis* and the terrestrial species *Testudo hermanni*. From 3:30 p.m., the event will be open to all by reservation at [macchiagrande@wwf.it](mailto:macchiagrande@wwf.it).



In **Sicily**, on **May 23**, the Mayor of Siculiana (AG) together with the Centro Anticrimine e Natura del Comando Provinciale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri, the directors of the Nature Reserves of “**Lago Preola**” and “**Torre Salsa**,” will illustrate, during a seminar open to all, the theme Life URCA pro Emys - Connections between species at the top of the food chain and management of wetlands.

Appointment at the Council Chamber of the City of Siculiana (AG) at 11 a.m.

On May 26, at the **WWF Oasis Lago Preola Gorgi Tondi** in Mazara del Vallo, meet at 9:30 a.m. for an outreach activity on the endemic species *Emys trinacris*, with a visit to the experimental center “Nursery” and in-depth discussions on the Life URca Pro Emys project.

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In **Emilia Romagna**, on May 19 at the **La Francesca Carpi** oasis, there will be a guided tour of the observation shed to observe the 'habitat of a lowland wetland followed by an excursion to the breeding site and an educational workshop dedicated to *Emys*. Appointment 4 p.m. For info and reservations Ecosapiens 0522/343238.

On May 26, at the **Nature Reserve in Fontanili di Corte Valle Re**, people will be able to participate in a walk along the paths of the Reserve to discover through naturalistic observations characteristics and curiosities of this rare reptile. The meeting is at 10 a.m. at the parking lot of the Reserve. Info and reservations at tel. 337 1586939 email mfontanili@parchiemiliacentrale.it

In **Lombardia**, a half-day hike with a Ticino Park Nature Guide is scheduled for Sunday, May 26, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. along the trails of **La Fagiana** Reserve, within one of the intervention sites the "Boschi della Fagiana" SAC, to discover the LIFE URCA PROEMYS project for the conservation of *Emys orbicularis*.

In the **Marche** region, the **Sentina Nature Reserve in San Benedetto del Tronto**, AP, will host 60 boys and girls from local schools on May 23 for a day of exploration and learning. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the European pond terrapin and learn about its natural habitat up close.

The **Ripa Bianca Regional Nature Reserve** in Jesi offers an in-depth study on the exotic species hosted by the reserve. The activity, open to all and scheduled for April 28, May 12 and 26, June 16 during 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., aims to inform about alien species that threaten biodiversity, learning how to recognize them by reporting them to authorized centers for their collection. No reservations are needed.

In **Campania** on May 19-The **WWF Oasis of Serre Persano** in collaboration with NaturArt Association is organizing an information and awareness meeting on the pond terrapin *Emys orbicularis*. The event will be divided into two moments, on Sunday morning from about 9:30/10:00, at the oasis visitor center, we will illustrate the "Life Urca Pro Emys" project and the results of the 2023 monitoring carried out in the waters of the oasis itself, following which there will be an interesting talk by the friends of Tartapedia.it "*Emys orbicularis* and *Trachemys scripta*, an anomalous coexistence, not always peaceful." In the afternoon, after the lunch break, we will take a guided excursion to the oasis to participate in a field monitoring experience, with the recovery of traps and related marking/release of any captured turtle specimens. Nods of participation appreciated

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