

## **50. Foundation for the Conservation and Rehabilitation of Marine Animals (CRAM)**

### **MUNICIPALITY**

El Prat del Llobregat

### **HEADING**

The new CRAM at El Prat del Llobregat will open its doors in June 2010.

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

The Foundation for the Conservation and Rehabilitation of Marine Animals (CRAM) is about to finish the works on its new centre on the former El Prat Golf Course land that began in October 2008. The new facilities will have one building devoted to education, administration and staff, a clinical rehabilitation area with operating theatres and tanks for operations, and a third building devoted to post-mortem examinations. These facilities will make the new CRAM a pioneer in the design of measures to for management and conservation of marine animals. The new centre expects to welcome over fifty thousand visitors a year after its inauguration in 2010.

For a faithful reproduction of the living conditions in the wild of the species welcomed at the clinic, its aquatic areas will be closely modelled on the Mediterranean habitat. The clinic will also have operating theatres, X-ray facilities, echographs and other medical appliances to enable precise diagnoses. When required, the post-mortem spaces will allow scientists to conduct necropsies to discover the cause of death in animals. This means that the centre will build up a specific body of knowledge which will be extremely useful in joint research initiatives with other organisations.

CRAM is a not-for-profit body responsible for attending to threatened marine animals stranded on the Catalan shore, acting under an agreement signed with the Government of Catalonia. Apart from this clinical and rescue activity, the foundation runs projects that involve conservation and raising awareness on the environment, also research activities with scientific and university bodies in a range of areas such as the reproduction of marine species and the analysis of Mediterranean ecosystems.

### **ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DATA**

- Term of execution: 15 months (until January 2010)
- Budget: €5 M, funded by the Spanish Government's Ministry of the Environment, the Government of Catalonia's Ministry of the Environment, AENA and El Prat de Llobregat City Council.
- Location: on the former Prat Royal Golf Club set in the Parc Litoral area lying in the rehabilitated area between the airport and the sea..
- Surface area: 18,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

### **PROJECT ADDRESS**

[www.cram.org](http://www.cram.org)

### **RESPONSIBLE**

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