

# LIFE MINNOW



## Small fish, small streams, big challenges: conservation of endangered species in tributaries of the upper Po river

The objective of the Life Minnow project is to prevent the decline in the populations of six freshwater fish species in an unfavourable state of preservation: Italian loach, Po brook lamprey, South European nase, Italian nase, European bullhead and Italian riffle dace.

The project envisages the development and implementation of specific conservation measures such as habitat improvement, river continuity restoration, fish species restocking and alien species control and reduction in 20 Natura 2000 sites of the Piedmont Region selected in the northern area of the Po River basin.

Broad stakeholder involvement is envisaged, with active participation in conservation actions by fishermen, volunteers, students and citizens, as well as contributions from the local community to enhance natural resources through a Citizen Science approach.

The project objective is also to implement a network of stakeholders in order that project results can be replicated and transferred by networking in Italy, Spain and France in areas facing similar threats.

The project contributes to the implementation of the LIFEwork programme by applying best practices in the 20 Natura 2000 reference sites and adjacent areas.

The project, which started on 1 August, was one of the few selected throughout Italy in 2022.

Life Minnow is a project co-funded by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), under the LIFE21-NAT call.



### PROJECT DURATION

01/08/2022 – 31/07/2027

### WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA



### PARTNERS

- Università di Torino (coordinator)
- Politecnico di Torino
- Città Metropolitana di Torino
- Ente di gestione delle Aree Protette del Po Piemontese
- Istituto Delta Ecologia Applicata
- Provincia di Alessandria
- Provincia di Cuneo
- Provincia di Vercelli.

### FUNDING INSTRUMENT

H2020-MSCA-ITN-2019

### BUDGET

Total: **5.461.316,13 €**; DIATI: 371.918,09 €

### POLITO and DIATI's role:

Politecnico di Torino – DIATI is partner of the Consortium.

Scientific supervisor for DIATI:

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