

NOBLE PEN SHELL CRISIS

(*Pinna nobilis*)

WHO AM I?

I am endemic to the Mediterranean Sea and the largest Mediterranean bivalve. I have an important role in the ecosystem. I feed on plankton. Within 1 hour I can filter up to 60 litres of seawater. That's why I make the sea cleaner, even for you. Besides that, many species find their home on my shells, and I help them to live.

Please protect us from intentional but also accidental destruction and give us a chance to recover.

WHY ARE THERE SO FEW OF US LEFT?

In just a few years, a disease spread over the entire Mediterranean, with population mortality of up to 100 %.

So far, you humans have not discovered an effective method to prevent the spread of infection. Only few of us, the most resistant ones, are still alive.

We just want to survive as a species, reproduce and create a new resilient population. To do that we need your help.

According to the Nature Protection Act, endangering strictly protected species and their habitats is punishable by the amount of 3.000 - 26.000 € for legal entities and 900 - 4.000 € for physical persons.



For those who want to know more!

