

**Company:** Compañía General de Canteras, S.A.  
**Location:** Cantera “Los Arenales”, Mijas (Málaga), Spain

**Objective** The basic aim was to reproduce the Mediterranean surrounding forest, looking for a maximized integration of the restored site.

**Context** At the quarry “Los Arenales”, a very good planned restoration has been carried out, giving an important qualitative step to create a final scenario with high ecological value. An exemplary restoration has been carried out, stressing a carefully selection of the used vegetal species, the process of acclimation of these species in situ; starting from a research made by the Environmental Ministry, the Vegetal Biology of Malaga University and the Mijas city council.

**Solution** The maximum integration with the surrounding environment has been pursued, providing a green cover that allows the soil to recover, minimizing the landscape disorders, and promoting at the same time the progressive recovering of the fauna.

**Result** This contributed to the recovery of the fauna, keeping in mind that the aim is a more mature ecological succession, a more complex ecosystem with greater biodiversity. The project is finalised and the site is now closed, the biodiversity values are good or even better.

**Partners** Environmental Ministry  
Vegetal Biology of Malaga University  
Mijas city council

