

# THE CEIDA IS THE REFERENCE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN GALICIA

The construction of the Castle of Santa Cruz began in 1594 to defend the Ria of A Coruña from the attacks arriving by sea. Today this castle houses the CEIDA (Centre for University Extension and Environmental Dissemination of Galicia), an institution that ensures the protection of our environment through environmental education.

This centre is the result of close collaboration between the Xunta de Galicia, the University of A Coruña and the Oleiros City Council through an agreement signed more than a decade ago.

The CEIDA develops a wide program of training activities and of dissemination and environmental education with various social groups; it is involved in many actions to protect the environment, both locally and globally; and promotes scientific and cultural exchange, working in the search for solutions to environmental problems, and promoting citizens' good practices in this field.

The CEIDA also has the Environmental Documentation Centre Domingo Quiroga, which is specialized in environmental education, conservation and sustainability, being the only one of this field in Galicia.



## A short walk to discover the environmental values of the Island of Santa Cruz ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

The walk around the island reveals the environmental richness of this place, especially the **flora and fauna of its coastline**, being also a privileged observatory to discover the many **seabirds** that visit us or to have a unique perspective on the **Ria de A Coruña**.

We also encourage you to visit the inside of its walls to enjoy a walk through the gardens that preserve a large **Monterey pine**, which is included in the **Galician Catalogue of Singular Trees**. You can also see one of the few examples of **underground dovecote** in Galicia.

We hope you enjoy this journey and remember that **helping in its preservation depends on us all**.