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THE PLATANI RIVER. A POSSIBLE ECOMUSEUM



The Platani River, for its spaces, history and vocation constitutes a possible eco-museum. Born in the sicilian interior landscapes, its way is a sequence of segments of mortified environment and cultivated landscapes, but is still possible to find areas of great naturality and untouched beauty.

The Greeks called it *Halycos*, for its courses of salt water, and it's linked to the myth of Daedalus in Sicily; today the river still reveals stratified human presence, whose traces range from prehistoric to recent history: stories that the river brings together into a single narrative.

The territorial system of Platani has been studied, for the establishment of an eco-museum, in the undergraduate laboratory *AmbienteNaturaArchitettura* (Degree course in Building Engineering - Architecture, University of Palermo) producing about 20 thesis that led to as many projects, aimed at eco-sustainable valorization. The lab's topics have resulted in conferences and *good practices*, including a journey, from the sources to the river mouth, which allowed us to catch the landscape variations, to dwell in the emblematic points, to meet the community and administrators to engage and discuss with them about the valorization and the protection of the territory.



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