

## **Natural History Museum of Crete-University of Crete in EUROPEANA Digital Library**

The Natural History Museum of Crete which belongs to the University of Crete has made its first attempt, few years ago, to achieve a European standardization process in the field of engaging the cultural heritage of NHMs of Europe and the EUROPEANA Digital Library infrastructure, in order to enhance natural history and environmental education. This achievement was gained in cooperation with the Museu Nacional de História Natural in Portugal, the Jura Museum in Eichstaett, Germany, the Arctic Centre in Finland, the Tallinn Natural History Museum in Estonia and the Hungarian Natural History Museum in Hungary through their common European project Natural Europe CIP-ICT PSP-2009-3 250579 (2009-2013).

Educators from the above museums were given the tools that allowed them to design environmental Education Pathways based on digital content resources from their collections.

The following tools were used within Natural Europe:

- A multilingual software tool that allowed the semantic annotation of multimedia content resources for Museums (creating the digital library of the NHMs);
- A multilingual software tool authoring the Educational Pathways through the digital collections;
- A Web interface for navigating Educational Pathways through the Museums' Web sites;
- A Web interface for visualized faceted search through the NHM content of EUROPEANA.

The documentation of 4000 objects of NHMC will be presented in this paper.