### NATURE, SCIENCE & COMMUNITY

This estuary is key to the conservation of coastal biodiversity. It acts as a natural filter and protects the coastline from extreme weather events.

Additionally, it is an important site for scientific research and ecotourism, which enhances its environmental and economic value in the region.



#### **GET INVOLVED**







Keep your pets on a leash

Stay on marked trails

Dispose of trash properly







Join iNaturalist

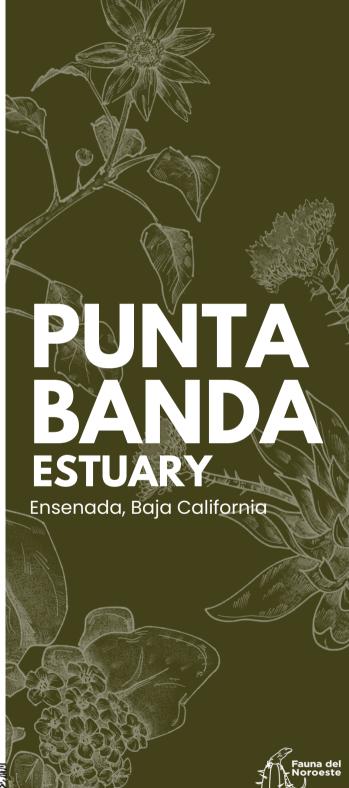
Volunteer in restoration projects

Support policies that protect these areas

Protecting the Punta Banda
Estuary is essential to preserve its
role as a natural refuge for
wildlife, a buffer against
environmental changes, and a
valuable source of biodiversity
and ecological services.







## COASTAL LIFE REFUGE

The Punta Banda Estuary is one of the four main coastal lagoons in the region. It is home to around 640 species of terrestrial and marine flora and fauna, including native and introduced species, as well as migratory and resident species.



# A FRAGILE ECOSYSTEM

There are multiple threats endangering the Punta Banda Estuary, affecting its ecological balance and long-term sustainability. These challenges could lead to the degradation of its habitats, impacting the many species that rely on this unique coastal ecosystem.

#### **MAIN THREATS**

- Urbanization
- Pollution
- Invasive species
- Rising sea levels
- Off-leash/stray animals

