



## 01 NATURAL REHAB

/ Converting the exploded Beirut Port to an ecological park /



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The site of this renovation project is the area affected by the Beirut Port Explosion on 4th August, 2020. The main strategy is to help the area naturally recover through an ecological approach, by introducing the native vegetation and animal species back to Beirut, bringing new energy and potentials to this city.

The huge blast happened on 4th August greatly destroyed the significant port of Beirut and its surrounding, including residential, commercial and historical areas. This project will keep up the scars that this disaster left as a monument and caution. Simultaneously, a series of archipelagos imitating the trace of the explosion forms the unique landscape of this ecological park. A foot and bike bridge connecting different functional areas of the city runs through the park.

Vegetation species with shorter growing time to mature are planted closer to the explosion center, which allows the rehab process of this destroyed area to start from the center and gradually extend into the city with the past of time. The introduction of animals will also follow the pace of the growth of vegetation. Decades later, the ruins caused by a tragical explosion will grow into a park full of life.