

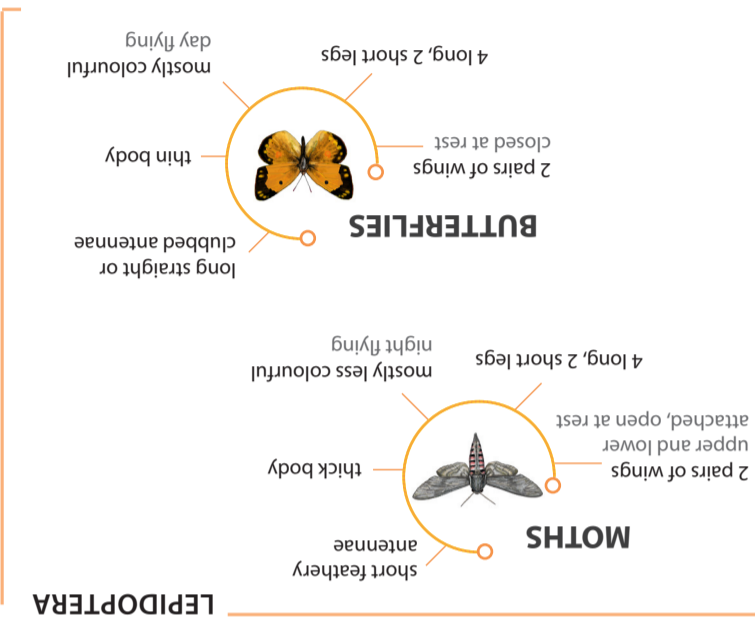


**HYMENOPTERA**



**POLLINATING INSECTS**

**DIPTERA**



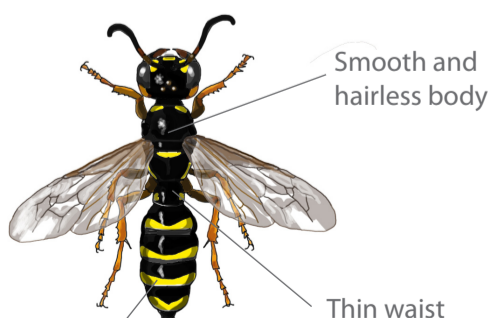
**WASPS**

Wasps are a diverse group of insects with different forms of life. Some are eusocial and live in colonies, but most are solitary species. There are many families and subgroups of wasps in the world. In the Mediterranean region, the most important are the *cuckoo wasps* (Chrysididae), the *spider wasps* (Pompilidae), *Scoliidae*, *Sphecidae*, and the *vespids* (Vespidae).

**IDENTIFY WASPS IN THE FIELD**

- In general, wasps have a smooth body, without hair and with a thin waist, a characteristic that can serve to quickly differentiate them from bees.
- The shape and segmentation of the abdomen and the color patterns are important traits in differentiating wasp species.

**WASP ANATOMY SIMPLIFIED**



Very marked coloring patterns (most common: black/yellow, red/black, metallic blue/red)

**LIFE 4 POLLINATORS**

The aim of the project is to improve pollinator conservation by creating a virtuous circle leading to a progressive change in practices across the Mediterranean region.

In Mediterranean countries (Spain, Italy, France and Greece) there is inadequate awareness about the role of wild pollinators and the importance of conserving their diversity. This knowledge gap is one of the main obstacles to proper planning of successful programmes to address the main drivers behind pollinator decline and ensure sustainable management and restoration of the remaining high-value pollinator habitats.



The project will contribute to a range of EU policy and legislation, including amongst others the biodiversity strategy, the pollinators initiative and biodiversity protection under the common agricultural policy.

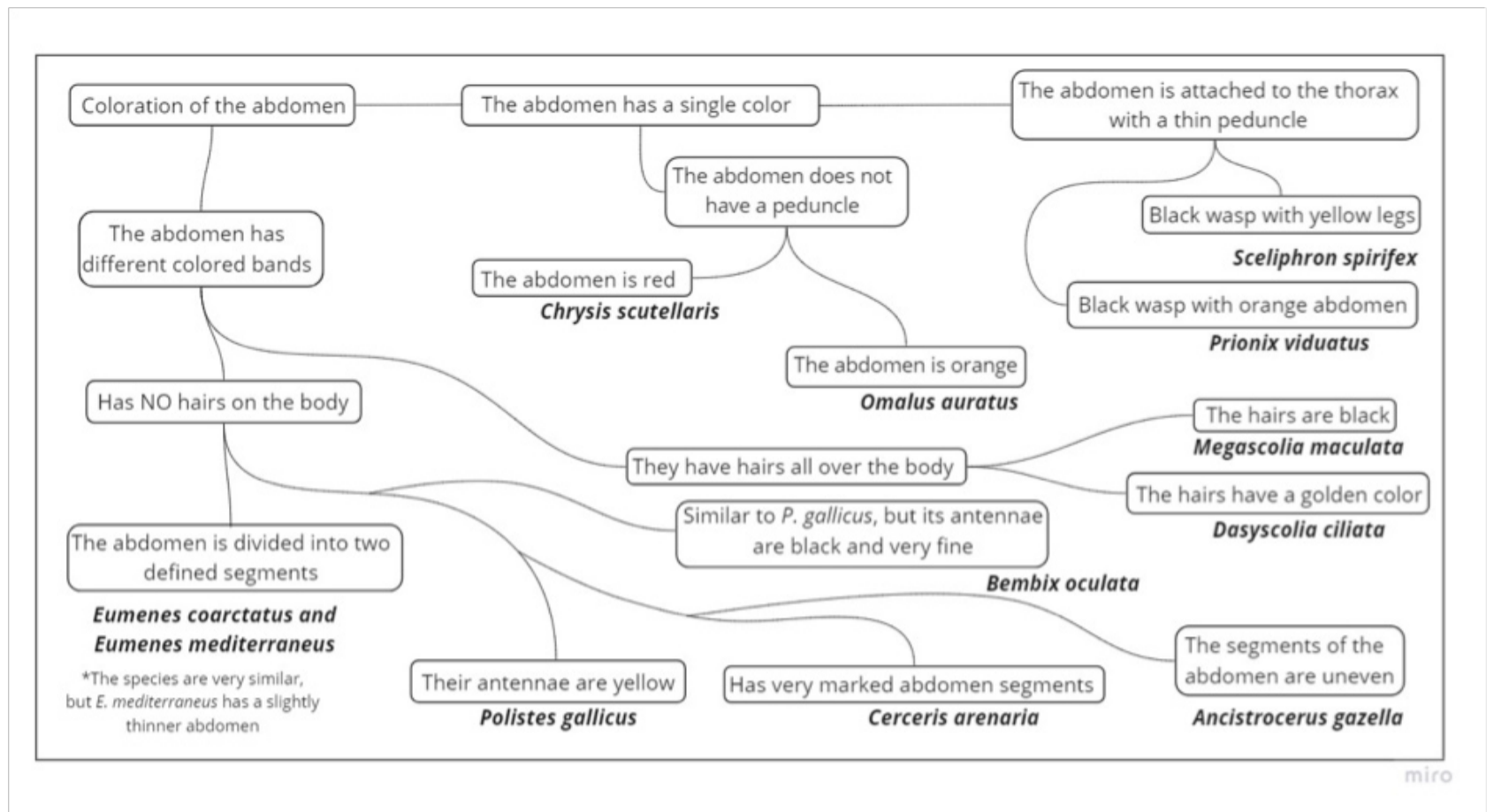
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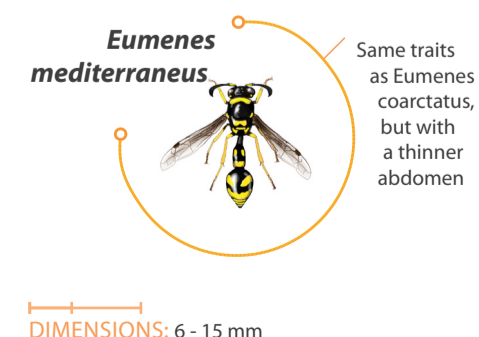
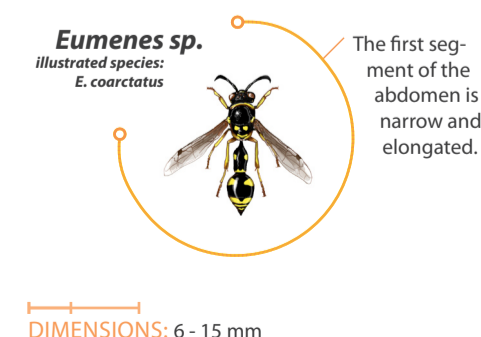
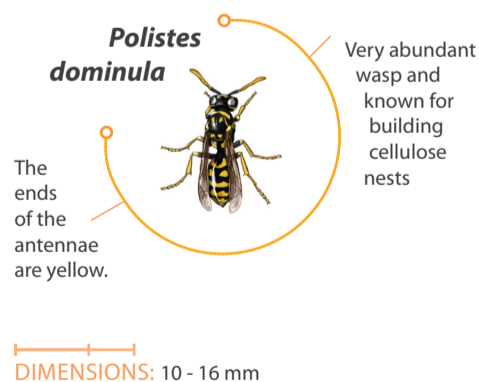
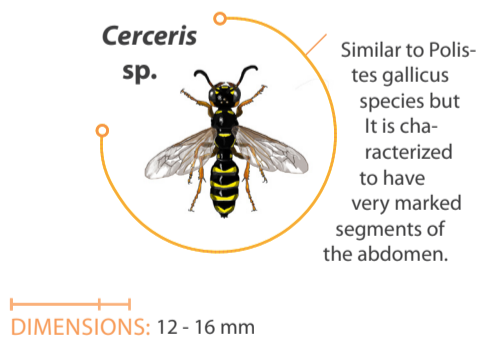
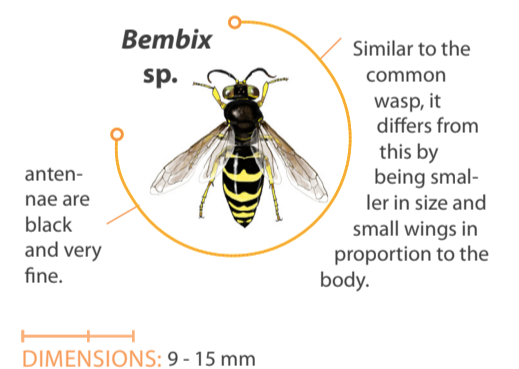
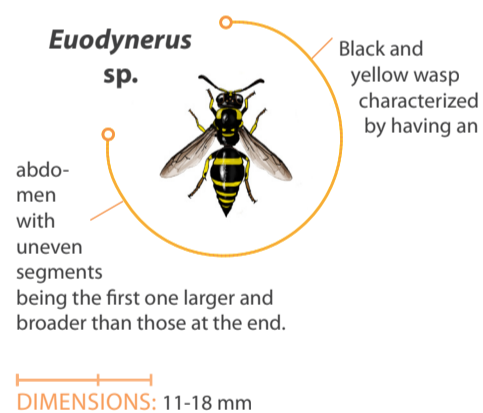
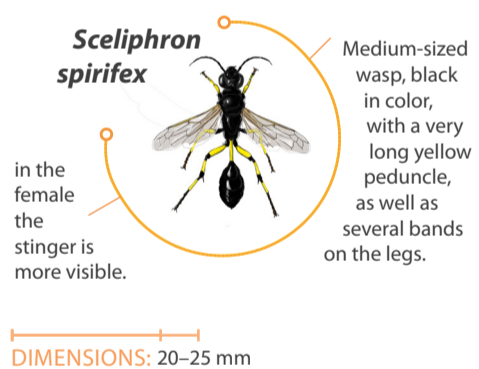
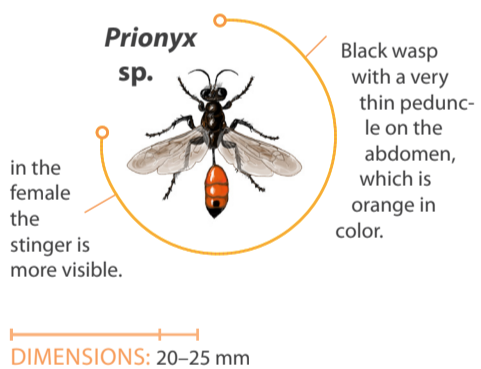
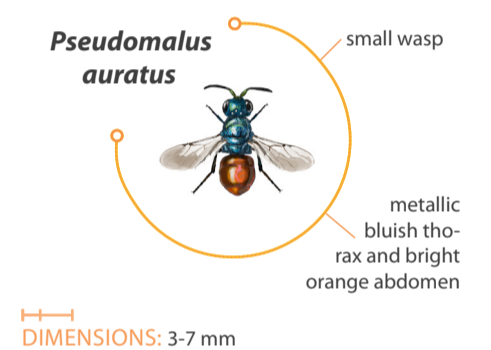
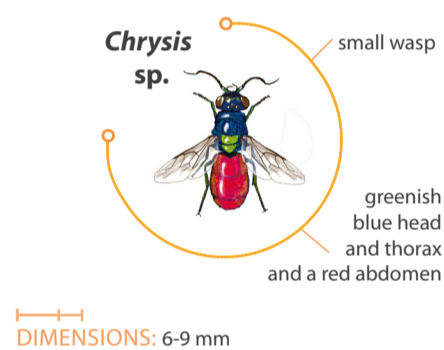
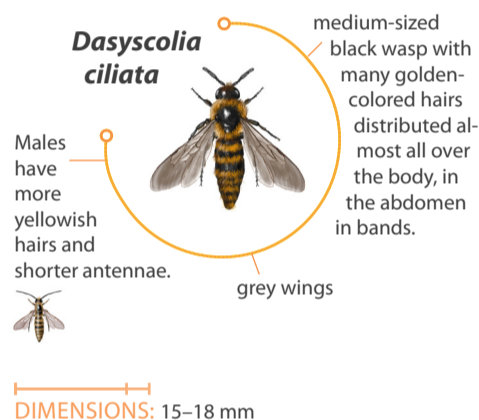
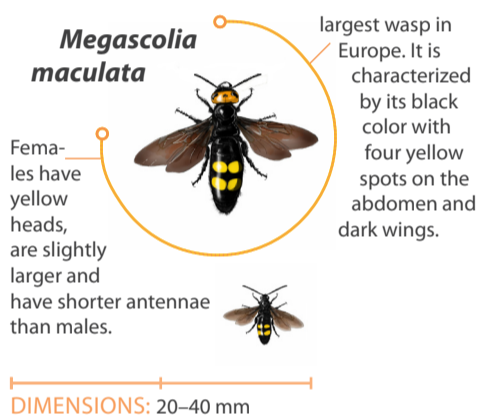
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## IDENTIFICATION KEY



## WASPS



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