

## Gilão River Cleanups (Portugal)

Occasionally, Municipality of Tavira organized cleanup actions on the Gilão River in a 500m transect inside the city of Tavira. All cleanup actions are open to the public. These river cleanups are publicized in schools and groups of scouts to recruit volunteers. In 2012 about 100 people participated and collected 2 tonnes of litter (with the help of machinery from the municipality). These actions were recorded every year since 2004, except in 2008, 2009 and 2011.

### Facts

Place / Location	Portugal  Tavira
Commencement Date	Before 1997. However, the more recent campaigns occurred after 2004.
Duration	Every year except 2008, 2009 and 2011.
Theme	Mitigation, Awareness (Cross-cutting)
Type of Initiative	Practice/ Activity/ Action
Initiated by	Tavira Municipality
Involved Stakeholders	- General public
Funding/Financial Support	Tavira Municipality
Success Rate	Very Successful, as regards the cleaning of the site and awareness of participants about marine litter.
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**Available documentation and further information**

<http://espeleologia-neca.blogspot.pt/2011/01/campanhas-de-defesa-e-sensibilizacao.html>



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