

Seabed cleaning - Collection and disposal of litter at depth up to 50m (Italy)

Seabed cleaning campaigns were organised between the coastal line and 50m depth and were carried out by expert or professional divers, recreational divers, and fishermen. Different types of litter were collected: metal, glass, plastic, fishing nets, fishing lines, buoys, etc.

In 2010, activities took place over 9 days with the help of 12 operators, 6 fishermen, 57 divers, 1 biologist and 11 boats. A total of 2150 kg of material was collected, mainly fishing nets.

In 2011, the activities were carried out over 7 days and involved 8 operators, 4 fishermen, 20 divers, 1 biologist and 8 boats to collect a total of 1100 kg of material, again mainly fishing nets.

Facts

Place / Location	Ligurian Sea and Northern Tyrrhenian Sea (Italy)
Commencement Date	February 2010
Duration	2 years (from April to October in 2010, and in April and May in 2011)
Theme	Mitigation, Awareness (Cross-cutting)
Type of Initiative	Campaign
Initiated by	Liguria Regional Authority
Involved Stakeholders	Local Authorities, Local Port Authorities, Local Diving Schools, Local fishermen
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Success Rate	Very Successful
Case Study prepared by	Liguria Regional Authority, Regional Agency

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