

Programme of coastal cleaning campaigns in Sesimbra (Portugal)

The Programme of Coastal Cleaning Campaigns includes several cleaning activities at beaches, coves and caverns near Sesimbra, with difficult access and most affected by marine litter. These activities are organised and subsidised by the Municipality, whereas volunteers take action only in more accessible locations.

The litter collected is separated and sent for recycling, specially the glass and plastic. These activities also aim to raise social awareness of marine litter by the dissemination of results in local media.

Over the years there has been a trend to increase the number of activities performed per year. In 2000, the first year of the Programme eight activities were recorded and in 2011 twenty were recorded. 2005, 2006 and 2008 were the most active years with the achievement of more than 40 activities per year.

Facts

Place / Location	<p>Sub-national, Sesimbra</p> <p>This programme was conducted at beaches of west coast (Lagosteiros Beach to Foz Beach – 4 km) and of south coast (Chã dos Navegantes to Forte do Cavalo – 8.5 km; Meia Velha to Penedos Beach – 5 km) in the Sesimbra area.</p>
Commencement Date	2000

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Duration	Ongoing (Several activities per year)
Theme	Mitigation, Awareness (Cross-cutting)
Type of Initiative	Campaign
Initiated by	Nucleus of Speleology of the Blue Coast (NECA, an Association for the protection of the environment)
Involved Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sesimbra Municipality - Sesimbra Naval Club - General public
Funding/Financial Support	Sesimbra Municipality
Success Rate	Very Successful.
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Available documentation and further information

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