Seabed cleaning in Cyprus (Cyprus)

Seabed cleaning campaigns are organised every summer mainly for mitigation purposes. The areas that need cleaning are identified by recreational divers who then inform CYMEPA and the campaign is organised. The main types of litter removed during these campaigns are: car (and tractor/truck!) tyres, fishing gear, boat equipment and other forms of consumer packages and items. Campaigns on cleaning of beaches also take place mainly for awareness raising purposes. Beach cleaning takes place at hard-to-reach beaches and beaches that are very popular. The main types of litter collected are cigarette butts and items associated with soft drinks.

Facts

Place / Location	Cyprus
Commencement Date	2002
Duration	Ongoing, 2-3 times a year
Theme	Mitigation, Awareness (Cross-cutting)
Type of Initiative	Campaign
Initiated by	CYMEPA
Involved Stakeholders	Cyta (Cyprus Telecommunication Authority) Scuba Divers Club, Local Authorities and Local diving schools
Funding/Financial Support	Yes. Funding by third parties such as banks, Cypriot utility companies, maritime companies etc.
Success Rate	Very Successful
Case Study prepared by	Michael Ierides, CYMEPA, Secretary General

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Available documentation and further information

Campaigns are announced on CYMEPA's website but there is no dedicated URL for them.

Photo gallery from Cyta Scuba Divers Club cleaning campaign at Malama Beach, Protaras, Cyprus: http://www.scubadiversclub-tey.com.cy/gallery/thumbnails.php?album=25&page=1

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