

Seabed cleaning - Collection and disposal of litter at depth greater than 50m (Italy)

Seabed cleaning campaigns were organised from March to August 2011 using 17 bottom trawl fishing vessels to collect litter during the normal fishing operations. Each vessel was equipped with specific containers and bags of known volume. A total of 83,100 liters of solid waste were retrieved and disposed. The main type of litter removed during these campaigns was plastic (61%), "other material" (14%), metal and glass (9%), and fishing material (4%).

Facts

Place / Location	Ligurian Sea and Northern Tyrrhenian Sea (Italy)
Commencement Date	January 2011
Duration	<p>9 month</p> <p>From January to September 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January and February: organization; - from March to August: sea operation; - September: data analysis.
Theme	Mitigation, Awareness (Cross-cutting)
Type of Initiative	Campaign
Initiated by	Regional Agency for Environmental Protection of Tuscany (ARPAT), Liguria Regional Authority, Environmental Office of Corsica, Sardinia Regional

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	Authority, Livorno Province
Involved Stakeholders	Local fishermen
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Success Rate	Very Successful
Case Study prepared by	Liguria Regional Authority, Regional Agency for Environmental Protection of Tuscany (ARPAT)
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