



COastal Management and MOnitoring Network

for tackling marine litter in Mediterranean sea



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**Mediterranean Sea is a common good. A precious resource.
The marine litter emergency affects all of us and must be tackled
at the basin level, in an integrated and coordinated way.**

Mediterranean Sea, a zone that needs to be protected...

Here is one of the **25 global biodiversity hotspots**. The home of around **17000 species**. One of the six areas most affected by marine litter in the world.

More than **62 million of debris** are estimated to floating in the entire Mediterranean, but this is only the tip of the iceberg: over 70% of marine waste is settled on the seabed, to which added those on the beaches.



Cigarette filters and single use plastic (packaging, bottles, bags, food wrapping, caps and lids..), among the most common items, are found everywhere.

Marine litter impacts negatively vital economic sectors, from tourism to fishing, brings economic losses to individuals, enterprises and communities. Yet, its impact is not fully understood nor assessed.

...acting with an inclusive and integrated approach

Most of marine litter in Mediterranean Sea originates from land-based activities:





Sea birds



Fish



Marine turtles



Marine mammals



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Mediterranean countries



over **450** million of people



208-760 kg of solid waste per capita generated every year



180 marine species have been absorbed plastic debris



A COMMON challenge...

COMMON, as project born to tackle marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea, is building a network between Italy, Lebanon and Tunisia promoting an effective participatory approach. It will apply the principles of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), a dynamic process of management and sustainable use of coastal zone. An approach that take into account the fragilities of the ecosystems and of coastal landscapes and the different uses and activities which impacts on marine and terrestrial elements.

...to test a model possibly transferable across the whole Mediterranean area

5 pilot areas: Tuscan Maremma and Salento in Italy, Kuriat Island and Monastir in Tunisia and the Tyre Coast Nature Reserve in Lebanon. They will represent a real laboratory where identify strategies to reduce the problem of waste in the marine and coastal environment.

Fishermen, Turtle Rescue Centres, local bodies, sea operators, tourism, and researchers will take actions to raise awareness for citizens and schools. Three years to work on a management plan and to propose it to the other countries as a replicable model across all the Mediterranean basin.

**We need joint mitigation actions and measures
to reduce and prevent marine litter.**



Objectives:



10 studies on linkages between marine litter issue and land-based human activities



1 ICT platform for sharing methodologies and data on marine litter



250 people trained on marine litter management



30 municipalities involved in a network of coastal cities against marine litter



4 reports containing policy recommendations and best practices for improving the management of marine litter and governance issues

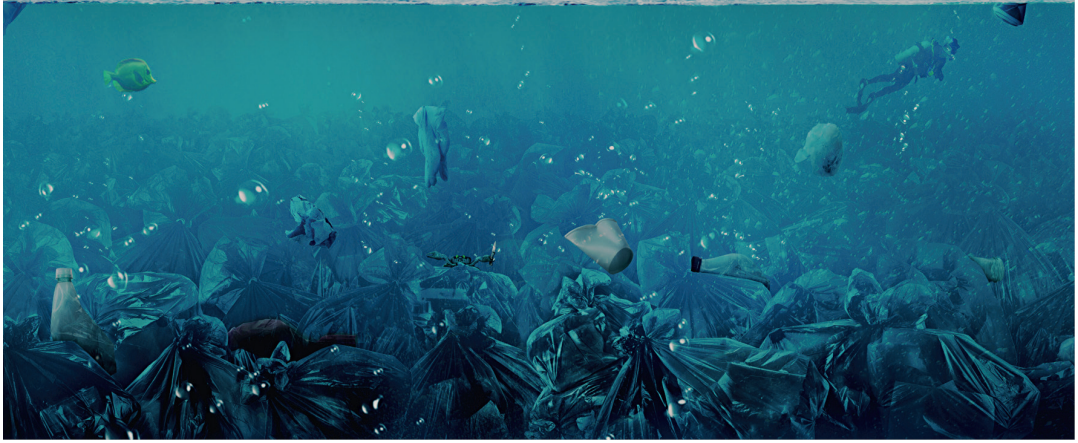


50 civil society organisations participating in beach cleanup campaigns



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