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 AQUARIUM OF SEVILLE - MEDITERRANEO ROOM

 19/05/2022  15:00-17:00

Chairperson: Marta Martínez Gil - Head of Area - Subdirectorate General for Sea Protection - Directorate General for the Coast and the Sea. Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge. Spain

## DESCRIPTION

New measures for the implementation and actions to address toward the future of fishing for litter. During the session international and national best practices, updated standardized protocols and know-hows will be discussed through experiences and cases of study with a particular focus on the Spanish framework.

The session is part of “MARLICENATURA” block of sessions included in Marlice 2022 Forum. It has been developed with the support of the Fundación Biodiversidad.

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## PROGRAMME

(See the available presentations of this session by clicking on the presentation title)

### 15:00 - 15:05 h - Introduction and objectives of the session

Marta Martínez Gil - Head of Area - Subdirectorato General for Sea Protection - Directorate General for the Coast and the Sea. Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge. Spain

### 15:05 - 15:15 h - The management of the FEMPA from La Fundación Biodiversidad and projects related to fishing litter

Javier Remiro Perlado - Coordinator of the Blue Economy and Employment area. FUNDACIÓN BIODIVERSIDAD

### 15:15 - 15:25 h - Possibilities of the new European Fund for Fisheries and Aquaculture (FEMPA) in relation to the collection of marine litter in Andalucía

Margarita Pérez Martín - Technical Advisor. Directorate General for Fisheries.- Regional Government of Andalusia

### 15:25 - 15:35 h - Fishing for Litter 2.0 – an integrated approach

Arabelle Bentley - Executive secretariat. KIMO INTERNATIONAL

### 15:35 - 15:45 h - NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN SPAIN: Intemares Caladeros Limpios

Marta Martínez Gil - Head of Area - Subdirectorato General for Sea Protection - Directorate General for the Coast and the Sea. Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge. Spain

## SPEAKERS

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**15:45 - 15:55 h - REGIONAL EXPERIENCES IN SPAIN: Galicia**

Luis Gómez - Technician in the Department of Control and Management of Marine Environment and Resources.. CETMAR

**15:55 - 16:05 h - REGIONAL EXPERIENCES IN SPAIN: Catalonia**

Eve Galimany - Researcher at ICATMAR (Catalan Institute for Ocean Governance Research)/ICM-CSIC (Institute of Marine Sciences Research)

**16:05 -16:55 h - Round Table and Debate**

**16:55 -17:00 h - Wrap-up**

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## Meeting objective - Expected output

The session aims to plan action-orientated coalitions in the long-term, overcoming challenges and gaps in the fishing for litter programmes. The session was organised by combining the presentation of policy framework and inspiring experiences with active participation and panel discussion.



## Main topics

### Questions raised during participatory activities and the debate:

Question 1. Please, prioritise the following four goals in order of objective importance

- A. Mitigate/Remove ML
- B. Define the source of ML
- C. Establish and map Hot Spots
- D. Raise awareness in the fisheries sector

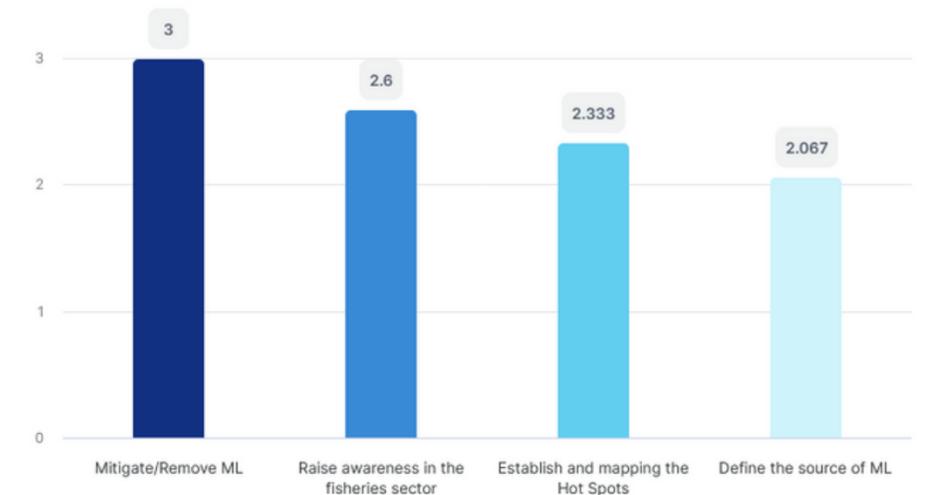
## Points discussed

This question was shared with the entire audience via a link to a participatory tool.

Via this means the attendees considered, with a very small margin in favour, that the actions of greatest importance are those focusing on the elimination/mitigation of marine litter and raising awareness in the fishing sector.

1. Please prioritise the following four goals in order of objective importance

### 1. Please, prioritize the following four goals in order of their true importance



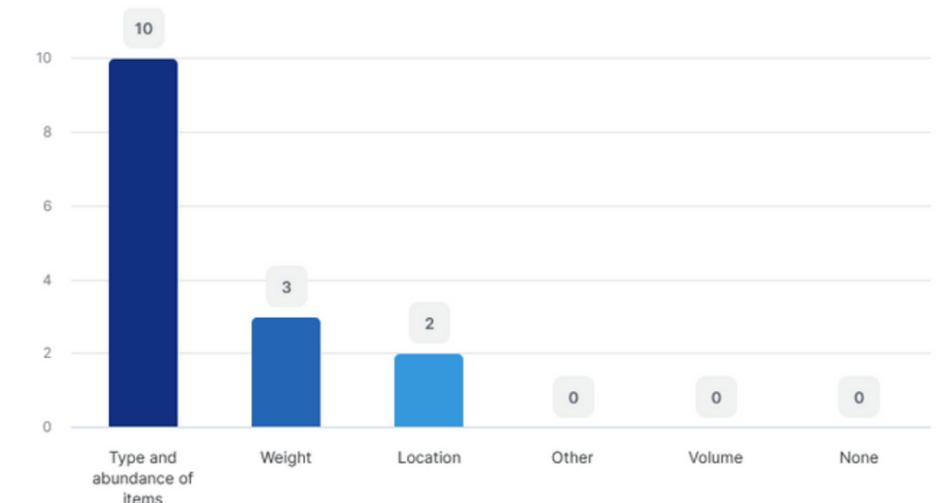
Participatory activity.

Question 2. Please identify the most useful data in a fishing for litter project's data collection

- A. None.
- B. Volume.
- C. Weight.
- D. Location.
- E. Type and abundance of items.
- F. Other

In this case, the participatory response was clear and the majority of attendees considered it of greatest importance to identify the type and abundance of items as data to be obtained from passive litter fishing. It should be noted that the options of weight and volume were barely valued as useful, even though the reporting of this data in relation to caught marine litter is required by the European Commission as of 2022.

2. Could, please, identify the most useful data in a fishing for litter project's data collection?



Identify any success stories in relation to fishing sector engagement

In general terms, it was stated that the most successful way in which to engage the fishing sector is for projects to attract boats (although initially reluctant) and to make litter fishing actions obligatory within the sector.

The impact and positive results of shellfishermen in the region of Galicia were highlighted, both on foot and afloat in the intertidal zone and in relation to the cleaning of shallow areas.

What potential future roles and connections between research centres and civil society organisations could be set up within the fishing for litter framework?

Speakers and participants agreed on the value and importance of both data and partnerships. The key issue raised was the differentiation between the information required for governing bodies and reporting to official programmes, and the data that generates greater information on and knowledge of the problem.

This mainly serves to highlight the value of data for raising awareness, generating circular economy solutions and/or for policy decisions.



## Conclusions

- Importance of raising awareness, dissemination, recognition and training of fishermen. It is also important to avoid saturating fishermen with excessive tasks.
- Current difficulties in waste recovery (business related), mainly due to the lack of a stable flow.
- Work must be done to ensure that the allocation/definition of roles (waste management, characterisation, data communication, ....) is clear and coherent across actions.
- The units of measurement (weight, volume, units) must be coherent and the rigour of data are important to understanding the problem.
- The willingness of all contributors to collaborate in addition to their extensive experience has put us on the right track to developing a diverse and cohesive national rubbish fishing scheme.
- Rubbish fishing 2.0: we must not stop at mere collection, but move forward with options that can help to make rubbish fishing a circular initiative.





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