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For the last **50 years** Docapesca has been an **anchor in the fishing sector**, **organising the first sale of fish in mainland Portugal** and assuring appropriate conditions for the production and commercialization of the finest catch.

ML is one of the most serious and ubiquitous environmental problems affecting and being affected by fisheries.

Being a **catalyser of innovative and sustainable actions** at the fisheries sector at a national level, DP has developed a **pilot project in ML** with scientific, industrial, ONG and society partnerships towards:

- Assessment of the density, distribution, composition and impacts on marine life of ML on the seafloor and water column (**contribution to the MSFD**);
- **Adequate port reception facilities** of ML allowing a time saving and safe disposal (enhancement of performance of waste management);
- **Awareness** of fishermen (workshops) and younger generation (school curricula- **Kit do Mar**) for the impact of ML on the health and productivity of the marine environment.



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