

ZEWS Project: Assessment of adverse effects of marine litter on Natura 2000 network Spanish sites



Objective

Development and implementation of a prevention and monitoring of marine litter descriptors strategy in protected areas of Spanish coasts to mitigate the impact on marine biodiversity



Stages of the project

1. Spatial and temporal characterisation of marine litter in water column, seafloor and coastlines
2. Development of a strategy for action (clean up), management and monitoring of marine litter in the study areas
3. Action (clean up campaigns in beaches and shallow bottoms) and monitoring programme to control ecosystems recovery
4. Communication and outreach activities
5. Expert platform on-line for exchanging experiences and forward projection of the project



Main results expected

- Strategy for characterisation, intervention and monitoring for the proper management of marine litter in Natura 2000 network sites
- Regeneration of a protected area as a result of the intervention designed
- Expert platform



Duration of the project

3 years

Participating entities

