

CleanAtlantic

Tackling Marine Litter in the Atlantic Area

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Overview

CleanAtlantic aims to **protect biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Atlantic area by tackling the issue of marine litter**, which is nowadays a priority in marine protection initiatives.

CleanAtlantic, in collaboration with scientists, competent authorities, the fishing sector, and civil society representatives, works in **five different aspects** of the marine litter issue:

- **Assessment of information** on the status of marine litter in the Atlantic area and initiatives addressing this environmental issue;
- Improvement of existing **monitoring methodologies** and current **data management**;
- **Development of numerical models** for predicting the location of marine litter hotspots;
- **Improvement of waste management** in ports and on board, and marine litter removal;
- **Awareness raising**.

CleanAtlantic is also involved in the transferring results to competent authorities in order to contribute to the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and to the achievement of the OSPAR Regional Action Plan's objectives on Marine Litter. **The project began in 2017 and will end in December 2020.**

Results

- Technical reports and interactive maps on the status of marine litter;
- Case studies on the economic impacts of marine litter;
- User-friendly databases and applications for recording and managing data;
- Improved monitoring protocols;
- Studies on the environmental impacts of cotton buds and cigarette butts;
- A Lagrangian modelling tool and hotspots' maps;
- Fisher-for-litter actions;
- Awareness raising activities and materials.

Check out the project website for final results.

Project in figures

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