

# PORT OF VIGO, MARINE LITTER STRATEGY



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The origin of marine litter is diverse. It is estimated that 80% of marine litter comes from land, mainly from coastal tourism, storm drains, rivers, illegal landfills and industrial areas. The remaining 20% comes from marine activities such as fishing and aquaculture, pleasure boats and maritime transport.





The responsibility to solve the problem is not only of the fishing sector, the joint work of states, administrations and companies is indispensable





The Port Authority of Vigo has participed in many waste recovery projects since 2010:



Nada Pola Borda

**PESCAL** 

**MLSTYLE** 

This shows the commitment of the APV with sustainable development, the valuation of residues, the cleaning and conservation of our seas and the support for the new strategies of circular economy







#### **Main Goal**

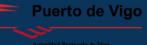
The protection of the sea and its resources by reducing marine litter and applying circular economy processes on wastes from the fisheries and port activities.



#### Partners & collaborators:















# **Specific Goals**

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- Reduction of marine litter with the collaboration of the fisheries sector.
- Design of an integrated system to manage waste from fisheries and port activities.
- Assessment of the recycling/valorisation potential of certain types of waste as a raw material to develop products for the textile industry.





Implementation of different models of marine waste collection by the fishing fleet (trawlers and artisanal) working in the ports of Vigo and Marín and in other ports of Pontevedra:

- Long working periods devoted to collecting marine litter during the fishing activity of the fleet.
- Campaigns of marine litter collection focused on areas of accumulation or restoration of nets/fishing gears.
- Collection of objects and wastes from the seabed of ports that may represent any danger for shipping, the environment and the marine life.











# **Stage 1: Coastal trawler fleet**

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Port of Marín



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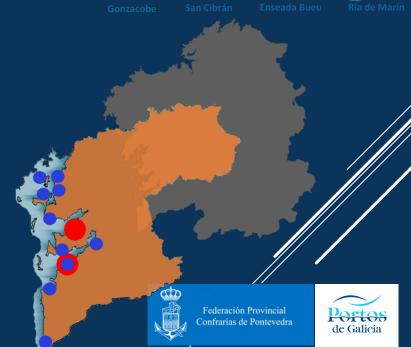
# **Stage 2: Artisanal fleet**

10 Fishermen and shellfish gatherers' associations from the province of Pontevedra (Ports of Galicia Authority)

- A Guarda
- O Grove
- Baiona
- Cambados

Vigo

- Vilanova
- Cangas
- A Illa de Arousa
- Portonovo
- Redondela





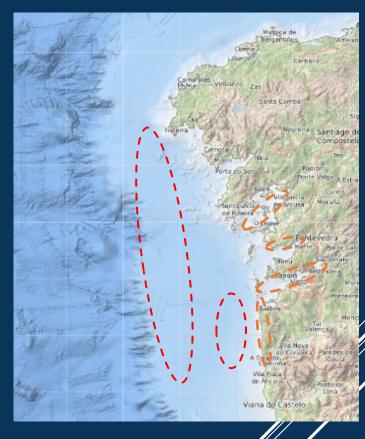


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## Operative areas for collection:

- <u>Trawling fleet</u>: operating off Galician coast (in the continental shelf) in front of Rías Baixas, from A Guarda to Fisterra in depths from 100 m. (8 vessels)
- Artisanal fleet: operating at inshore waters of the Galician coast (inside the rías of Vigo, Pontevedra and Arousa as well as in the near external coastal areas (potentially 268 vessels of the small scale fisheries fleet).
- Shellfish gatherers: operating at different beaches and rocky shore areas in those three rías (potentially 770) and the coast of Baiona and A Guarda.











## CONTAINERS

Fishermen - Shellfish gatherers



Project: Nets and PET bottles





Port of Baiona

# opromar

Support and relationship with the fleet Vessels: Collect marine litter and unload in port



Gathering PE & PA nets +
PET bottles



Other waste: a port cleaning waste manager





Coordination and technical supervision. Port cleaning service: transfer to MLSmanagement area



Waste manager: Collect and transport the waste of interest to your plant



Waste manager: Transportation to treatment plant





Classificationquantificationseparation of marine litter MLS



Recycling-recovery test in assigned companies



Management in waste treatment plant



# Clasiffication of marine litter collected by fleets



Others



10.000 8.000

6.000

4.000

2.000

**Plastic Subcategories** 

Goma

Glass Organic

116

Distribución seg. Tipo Material (Kg)

10.366

Plastic

Metal



Bolsa, Lámina, film...

■ Tapas e Tapóns

Liña palangre monof.

Liña palangre multif.

Corda, cordel... ■ Rede enmalle nylon

■ Rede arrastre PE

■ "Rede" nasa

"Cacharros" PVC

■ Boias e flotadores

■ "Outros"de artes

Roupa de augas

Bridas, abrazadeiras

■ Flexes









6 main categories (53 subcategories):

Plastic, Metal, Rubber, Glass/Ceramic, Natural Products (paper) and Mixed.



# Active "fishing for litter": Prospection areas, equipment





### Collection of litter from the sea bed with specifically designed extractive devices

"Creeper" (based on a professional artefact named "garampin" to retrieve lost fishing nets and ropes)









"Trawling gear" (based on professional fishing gears but specifically adapted to collect marine litter)





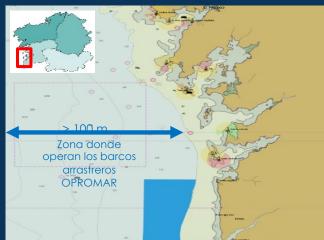




Features of the Tows: geo-reference, duration, type of seabed, etc.











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Design of an efficient location to collect and manage wastes

Supply the location with the required equipment





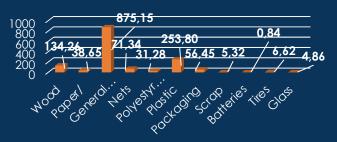


# Study of valorisation options **LAND CLEANING SERVICE PORT CLEANING SERVICE MARINE CLEANING SERVICE**

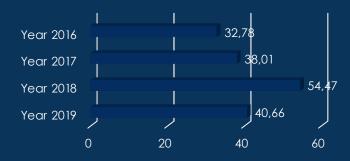
**MLSTYLE INITIATIVE** 



Land cleaning Service: Waste in Tons 2019



Marine Cleaning Service: Waste in **Tons** 



MLSTYLE Initiative: Marine Litter in Tons, 2019



# Study of valorisation options: **MLSTYLE Initiative**







#### ON FOOT

Bivalve Molluscs

Barnacles







Big bag R









Valorisation

**BOTTLES** 

**NETS** 

OTHER WASTES Port waste management



Bivalve Molluscs Barnacles, razor-clams sea urchin, anemone, abalone, algae



# **ARTISANAL FLEET**

Gillnets, longlines, pots, etc.





**TRAWLERS** 

**PURSE SEINE** 

LONGLINE

ENMALLE







# Study of valorisation options: MLSTYLE Initiative & Cleaning Service





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Wastes collected by fishermen and shellfish gatherers







Plastic wastes from companies of the fisheries sector





Nets out of service









Research and Innovation for blue jobs and growth in the Mediterranean Area

