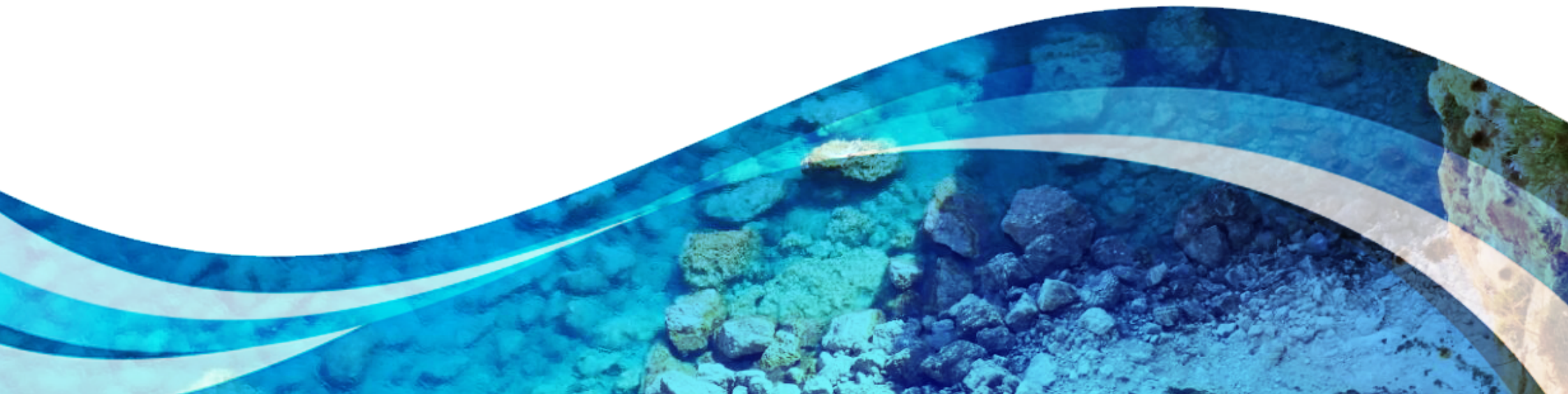




BlueMed Pilot Action For a plastic-free, healthy Mediterranean Sea

## Mapping of initiatives – National Hubs MOROCCO

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## Morocco

Moroccan Pilot his based on a number of on-going regional projects that deal with dissemination and communication on plastic pollution impact and alternative to single bag use. National program are dedicated to **assessment and collections studies** and promotion of **plastic recycling by developing business models and by engaging Plastics Recycling Association and industries**.

Note: in Morocco passed a law (No. 77-15) that prohibits the manufacture, import, export, marketing and use of plastic bags. This law came into force on July 1, 2016. Regarding the plastic recycling, there are around fifteen companies operating in the formal sector of plastic recycling in Casablanca, Marrakech, Oujda, Agadir and Tangier. According to a recent study by the Ministry of Industry, the informal sector accounts for 90% of the entire sector, which represent a competitiveness gap of 30%.

Name of the action	Partner responsible	Type of action	Area of application	Related Projects / Initiatives	Achieved /Expected results
<b>1. Regional Projects with pilots in Morocco</b>					
<b>Alternatives to single-use plastic bags</b>	UNEP-MAP SwitchMed SCP/RAC 2 Moroccan NGOs	Communication and awareness raising	Whole country	<a href="https://www.switchmed.eu/en/corners/policy-makers/pilot-projects/stories/Marine_litter_projects_in_Morocco">https://www.switchmed.eu/en/corners/policy-makers/pilot-projects/stories/Marine_litter_projects_in_Morocco</a>	Reduction of the use of persistent plastics liable to end up as marine litter
<b>Collection and recycling of beverage containers</b>	UNEP-MAP SwitchMed SCP/RAC 2 Moroccan NGOs	Communication and awareness raising	Urban areas	<a href="https://www.switchmed.eu/en/corners/policy-makers/pilot-projects/stories/Marine_litter_projects_in_Morocco">https://www.switchmed.eu/en/corners/policy-makers/pilot-projects/stories/Marine_litter_projects_in_Morocco</a>	Reduction of beverage containers/Plastic bottles and recycling
<b>Regional survey on abandoned, lost or discarded fishing gear &amp;</b>	UNEP/MAP MIO-ECSDE, 2015	Environmental assessment and Opinion-based assessment	Coasts of Tangiers and Al Hoceima on the Mediterranean	MedPol Marine Litter-MED	Data Collection Opinion-based assessment of current trends related to marine litter

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<b>ghost nets (ALDFG) in the Mediterranean sea</b>	2 Moroccan NGOs		and Mehdia on the Atlantic		Stocktake of available information on measures and regulations that are in place concerning the management of ALDFG.
<b>Fishing for Litter</b>	UNEP/MAP SwitchMed	Dissemination / awareness raising	Coastal area	Marine Litter-MED SwitchMed	Involve fishermen in ocean cleaning initiatives
<b>Adopt-a-beach</b>	UNEP-MAP SwitchMed ONG (AESTV)	Dissemination / awareness raising	Beaches Merkala-Tangiers Amsa-Tétouan Sababia- AlHoceima Miami-Nador	Marine Litter-MED SwitchMed	Regular beaches cleanup In 2018: 45 beaches (20 in the Mediterranean) were monitored and their marine litter characterized Draft monitoring plan for beach waste
<b>2. National/Local projects</b>					
<b>Business plan for the management of the plastic packaging waste stream</b>	Ministry of Sustainable Development	Governance Waste management	National level	National Household Waste Program (PNDM)	Better plastic waste management
<b>Waste analysis in Moroccan beaches</b>	Zero Zbel Heinrich Böll Foundation	Collection and characterization  Awareness raising	Beaches on the Mediterranean and Atlantic coasts	<a href="http://www.zerozbel.ma">www.zerozbel.ma</a> <a href="http://bit.ly/DechetsPlagesMaroc">http://bit.ly/DechetsPlagesMaroc</a>	Cleaning-up of 26 beaches in 2018
<b>Cleaning the seabed and sea waters</b>	Association of diving and environmental protection of Fnideq	Collection  Awareness raising	Seafloor and sea waters Fideq Bay	<a href="http://abtalfnideq.com/qui-sommes-nous/">http://abtalfnideq.com/qui-sommes-nous/</a>	Provide a “census” of varieties of wastes collected in sea waters in relation to their inferred provenance. Cleaning-up of the bay

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<b>Collection and plastics recycling</b>	Plastics Recycling Association	Plastic recycling / new materials	Casablanca		
<b>Manufacturing polyester fibers from plastic bottles</b>	Famacolor/ Novimat	Plastic recycling / new materials	Berrechid		

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