

NpB

Nada pola Borda

Nothing Overboard

Limpendo os fondos mariños

Cleaning the seabed

The project *NADA POLA BORDA* (*Nothing Overboard: cleaning the seabed*) is a pilot scheme aimed to remove and manage waste material lying on the seabed within the rías and around the coast of Galician; the same marine grounds that are commonly worked by the Galician coastal and small scale fishing fleet.

NpB is coordinated by CETMAR, with the financial support from the *Spanish Fisheries Department* (*Secretaría General de Pesca - Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, Medio Rural y Medio Marino*).

The scheme's main objective is to monitor that waste coming ashore in order to establish its typology, origin and establish likely trends along all our coast. At the same time, a secondary aim is the physical removal of marine waste from the seabed, and the raising of awareness among the fishing industry.

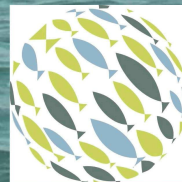
The collaboration and involvement of the private sector is key to this and the scheme depends on the participation of vessels from the inshore fishing fleet of several Galician ports.

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This pilot project consists of developing, over a 5-month period, a series of best-practice guidelines for the removal, collection and integrated management of the solid waste that frequently comes on board in the fishing nets and gear, as well as the classification and mapping of samples.



The participating vessels will collect the marine waste and bring it to their base harbours, where it will be managed by land-based staff and placed in a specific port *green point* according to legal disposal standards. A detailed description of all sampled waste will be produced.

The participation and collaboration of all fishermen (shipsowners, skippers, crew) is essential to ensure the right management and success of the pilot scheme.

Some expected results:

- To improve the port and fishing industry's image: *Social and environmental responsibility.*
- Encouragement and involvement of fishermen, developing their role as key stakeholders through active participation in their port's environmental sustainability strategy.
- To figure out a diagnosis of the environmental situation of Galician fishing grounds regarding marine litter and other solid waste: the "Marine waste map".
- Potential industry mark in terms of fish quality and ecological guarantee, identifying and linking the industry with sustainable development and environmentally-friendly practices.



Marine litter will be tackled by the fishermen whilst they take ordinary fishing tasks and disposed into big bags or containers on board, which, once full, will be left in the harbour for management and cataloguing.