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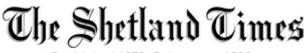
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The development and implementation of the strategy will be led by Marine Scotland.

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The recent rise in plastic production, as well as poor waste management in ports and public attitudes towards littering are all factors that have contributed towards the increase in marine litter. This rise in litter is already having an impact on the ecosystem, and a further increase would have major implications for marine – and human – health.

Europêche, which represents 80,000 European fishermen, has vowed to support WFO in their work, and say they believe that all fishermen should be informed of the importance of their actions in not only preventing



littering, but also actively engaging in projects alongside the plastics industry to protect the environment.

Javier Garat, the president of Europêche, said: "We welcome this partnership to raise awareness of the issue and what fishermen themselves can do to help. It will also allow fishermen to assist research into better tracing of marine litter. Whilst we are aiming to help prevent waste ending up in our oceans in the first place, our fishermen can positively contribute to the clean-up effort towards more environmentally friendly European waters."

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Europêche, que representa tanto a barcos de pequeño tamaño como a grandes buques de nueve países europeos, ha manifestado que el objetivo de esta alianza es fomentar el trabajo conjunto de los pescadores y la industria del plástico para prevenir y eliminar proactivamente este tipo de contaminación de los océanos.

Por su parte, la Confederación Española de Pesca (CEPESCA), miembro de Europêche, trasladará este mismo acuerdo a España, a través de sus miembros asociados.

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Bajo el marco general para la promoción de las actividades de pesca sostenible, el Fondo Europeo Marítimo y de Pesca (FEMP) financiará a las pesquerías que participen en proyectos que contribuyan a la preservación de los océanos.

Existen varios factores que han contribuido al incremento durante los últimos 20 años de la basura marina, incluyendo un aumento significativo de la producción de plástico, malas prácticas en la gestión de estos residuos en puertos comerciales y deportivos, así como actitudes poco respetuosas de la población.

El aumento de la basura marina puede tener implicaciones de alcance tanto para la salud humana como para los ecosistemas marinos. Entre los problemas que provoca, se incluyen el enredamiento de peces y otros animales marinos, la ingestión de plásticos por parte de éstos o el transporte de especies invasoras entre ecosistemas, con consecuencias dañinas para los stocks de pesca.





European fishermen reduce accumulation of marine debris

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The agreement with the NGO WFO involves the fishing fleet in cleanup and investigation

European fishermen have pledged to reduce the accumulation of marine debris, after the agreement signed by the owners of the European Union (grouped in the Europeche association) and the NGO Waste Free Oceans (WFO). The agreement directly involves performing on awareness raising, cleaning and research. "The goal of this partnership is to promote the joint work of the fishermen and the plastics industry to prevent and eliminate this pollution of the oceans"Said the President of Europeche and CEPESCA, Javier Garat.

The pact includes the collection and removal of waste such as plastics, ropes and fishing nets when ships arrive in port as well as participation in cleanup actions, particularly in the areas particularly affected. The initiative can count on support from the European Maritime Fisheries Fund.



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'Fishing for Litter' programme. (Photo: Europeche)

Europęche and environmental group facing marine waste issue



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The European organization Europêche, which represents 80,000 European fishermen, has joined the environmental group Waste Free Oceans (WFO) to combat the growing marine waste issue.

According to the latest report on ocean pollution issued by the University of Georgia (US), each year around 8 million tonnes of plastic material is dumped into the oceans, and this amount will rise to 155 million tonnes in 2025, if no solution is found.

The main novelty of the newly settled agreement in Brussels is the involvement of fishermen in prevention and cleaning labour. Spain and the UK have already participated in similar initiatives across Isla Verde programmes (developed in Spain by the Cooperative of Shipowners of Vigo - ARVI) and Fishing for Litter, respectively. These initiatives involve collecting and removing waste such as plastic, ropes and fishing nets when ships arrive in port as well as the participation in cleanup actions, particularly in the areas that have been especially affected.

Europêche, representing both small boats and large ships from nine European countries, said that the goal of this partnership is to encourage the joint effort of fishermen and the plastic sector to proactively prevent and eliminate such pollution of the oceans.

For its part, the Spanish Fisheries Confederation (CEPESCA), a member of Europêche, will transfer the same agreement to Spain through its associate members.

Europêche's president, Javier Garat, considers that "apart from involving the fishermen themselves in tasks intended to raise awareness and carry out cleaning efforts, this agreement will also involve them in research aimed at improving marine debris spotting tasks".

Under the general framework for the promotion of sustainable fishing activities, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) will offer financial support to the fisheries involved in projects that contribute to the preservation of the oceans.

Several factors have contributed to the increase of marine debris in the last 20 years, including a significant increase in plastic production, bad practice in the management of waste in commercial ports and marinas and disrespectful attitudes of the population.

Increased marine debris can have far-reaching implications for both human health and marine ecosystems. Among the problems it causes are the entanglement of fish and other marine animals, their intake of plastic material or transporting invasive species from ecosystem to another one, with damaging consequences for fishing stocks.

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European fishermen and WFO pledge to eliminate marine litter



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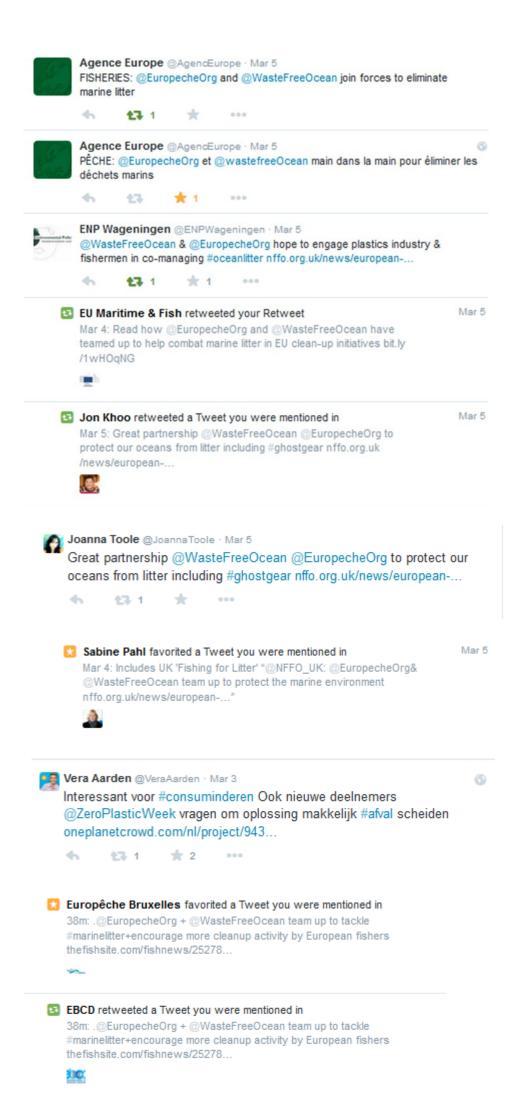
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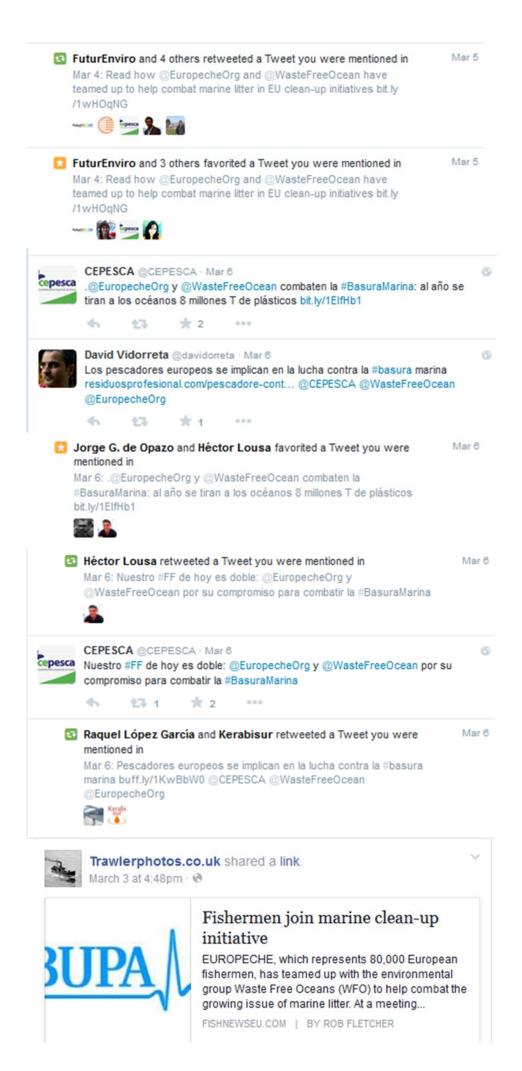
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