



Marine Litter Projects

Marine litter Med II

Marine Litter Med Plus

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project aims

This to further expand the implementation of the *Adopt-a-Beach* and *Fishing-for-Litter* measures, while developing pilot projects to improve the management of marine litter originating from sea-based sources in ports and marinas.

Through these actions, the project contributes to reducing marine litter, strengthening stakeholder engagement, and supporting the effective implementation of regional marine litter management strategies.

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Regional Seas Conventions (e.g. Barcelona Convention, Mediterranean Action Plan)

Regional Seas Conventions, particularly the Barcelona Convention and the UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), provide a binding framework for preventing and reducing plastic pollution in the Mediterranean through coordinated legal, technical, and policy measures.

The Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management under the Barcelona Convention specifically targets plastics, including single-use plastics and microplastics, and relies on UNEP/MAP harmonized indicators to monitor trends and assess the effectiveness of national actions.

General framework

The “Marine Litter MED PLUS” project, the third phase of the initiative, building on the “Marine Litter MED II” and “Marine Litter-MED” projects, makes a significant contribution to the implementation of the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022–2027 (MTS), as well as to the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget for 2022–2023, adopted at COP 22 (decisions IG.25/1 and IG.25/19, respectively).

Among other objectives, it aims to further scale up the implementation of pilot projects related to the improved management of marine litter originating from sea-based sources in Mediterranean ports and marinas, with a focus on advancing and building upon existing efforts.

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Pilot Project (Tunisia)

UNEP/MAP Ecosystem Approach (EcAp)

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Le projet « Marine Litter MED II » (2020-2023)

"Activity 2.1: Further expand the implementation of the Adopt-a-Beach (AuB) measure"

"Activity 2.2: Further expand the implementation of the Fishing-for-Litter (FfL) measure"

"Activity 2.3: Pilot projects related to the improved management of marine litter from sea-based sources in ports and marinas."

Activity : Further expand the implementation of the Adopt-a-Beach (AaB) measure

Selected beaches



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Plage marina regency Monastir

Results

- **Periodic clean-up activities** are successfully carried out across all selected beaches in line with **UNEP/MAP Adopt-a-Beach (AaB) guidelines**, generating and analysing relevant datasets to assess **marine litter trends**.
- An awareness-raising campaign is conducted, and a national/sub-national/local workshop are organized to disseminate best practices related to the “Adopt-a-Beach” measure.
- A local marine litter management plan for beaches is developed or updated.
- The AaB guidelines are disseminated at the national level.

Activity : Further expand the implementation of the Fishing-for-Litter (FfL) measure

Further expand the implementation of the *Fishing-for-Litter (FfL)* measure by integrating both **passive fishing** (collection of litter accidentally caught during fishing activities) and **active fishing** (targeted retrieval of marine litter).

This approach enhances the removal of marine litter at sea, promotes the active involvement of fishers, and contributes to improved marine environmental quality.



Plages sélectionnées



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Results

- Implementation of marine litter collection from fishing-related activities, with collection points established in selected ports/harbors/shelters. The reception and management of marine litter are carried out in accordance with UNEP/MAP FfL guidelines.
- Awareness campaigns are conducted, with national, sub-national, and local workshops organized to promote best practices related to the 'Fishing for Litter' initiative.

Activity : Pilot projects on improved management of marine litter originating from sea-based sources in ports and marinas."

Supporting the development of a pilot project related to the improved management of marine litter from sea sources within the framework of the "Marine Litter MED II" project.

In ports

In marinas

Tunisian case recommendation

- The current system could be replaced by a system without a special waste fee and an administrative fee with partial reimbursement of costs in the event of efficient waste delivery.
- Coordination with the responsible authorities, in particular the ANGED, and with the private sector is necessary to develop a model based on the circular economy.
- Tunisia should establish a waste notification module within its national information system.

Specific Objective:

- The implementation of reasonable fee systems for port reception facility services or, where applicable, the application of a “no-special-fee” system; and
- The provision of port reception facilities and the delivery of ship-generated waste.



Implementation of pilot projects:

- Collect the necessary information and prepare the essential supporting materials.
- Facilitate exchanges between the consulting team and the lead agency, as well as with the competent authorities.
- Review the relevant documents produced by the regional consultant and provide comments and suggestions.
- Provide the necessary technical support to the regional consultant, the lead agency, and the competent authorities.

Port et Marina: Marine Litter MED II



Port de Sousse



Marina Cap Monastir

Results

- A targeted assessment of the selected port and marina, including a baseline situation analysis and a feasibility study for the application of reasonably priced fees for the use of port reception facilities or, where applicable, the application of a no-special-fee system, is prepared.
- A Waste Reception and Handling Plan (WRHP) is prepared and/or revised.
- Conduct field visits in the selected ports and marinas.
- Carry out awareness campaigns and/or national, sub-national, or local workshops to disseminate best practices related to the Port Reception Facilities “PRF” measure.

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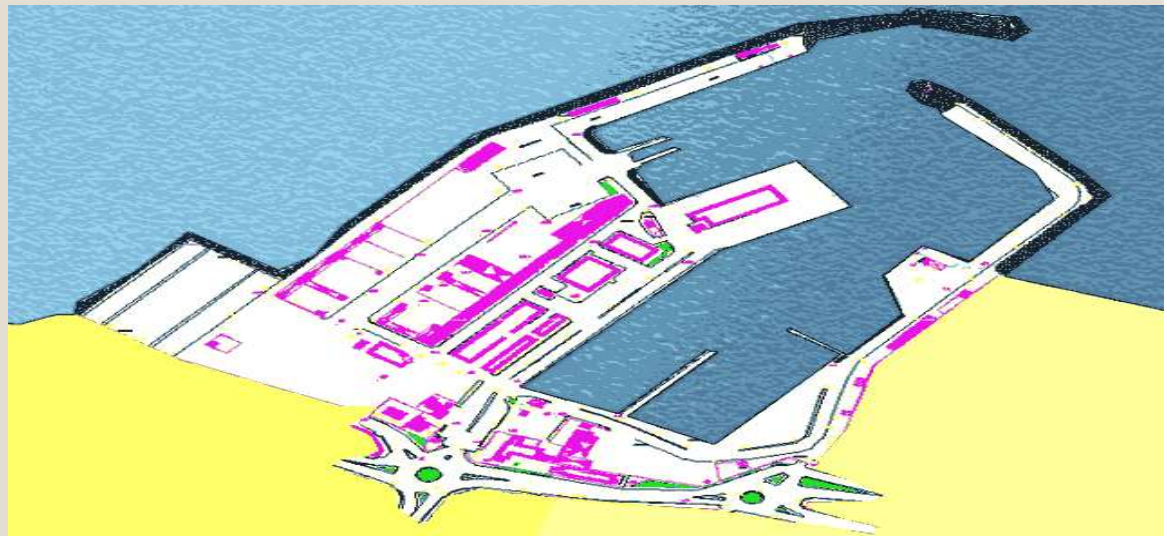
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MAHDIA BEACHS



Marine Litter MED Plus continues the implementation of the Marine Litter MED II activities by expanding the Adopt-a-Beach measure to new sites in the city of Mahdia, strengthening cooperation with local stakeholders, and promoting regular clean-up and monitoring actions with increased attention to microplastic presence along the coastline.

MAHDIA PORTS



Within the framework of Marine Litter MED Plus, the Fishing-for-Litter measure is further extended to new ports and marinas in Mahdia, encouraging fishermen's participation, improving waste collection practices, and integrating considerations related to floating microplastics in marine litter management efforts.

DATA COLLECTION



Marine Litter MED Plus reinforces the continuity of previous project achievements by introducing new monitoring locations in Mahdia with a specific focus on the Floating Microplastics Indicator, supporting systematic data collection, analysis, and informed decision-making for improved marine litter prevention and control.

