

BEYOND PLASTIC MED

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De côtes nettoyées
Km miles of
shores cleaned
100,000

Bénévoles engagés
Tonnes de déchets
recollés
Volunteers engaged
Tons of waste
collected
750,000

24-25-26
May • Mai
2019

Nettoyons la Méditerranée

**Clean Up
the Med**

LEGAMBIENTE

19th edition

Clean up the Med

Clean up the Med celebrates its 26th edition on 24th, 25th and 26th May 2019!

Since 1995 it has been one of the largest volunteer environmental campaigns in the Mediterranean Basin: over 1,500 locations from Italy to Algeria, from Croatia to Egypt, from France to Greece, from Lebanon to Morocco, from Albania to Portugal, from Spain to Tunisia, from Cyprus to Turkey and Montenegro were indeed involved.



Step 1: Beach Litter Monitoring

The action has 2 steps: the first one is the Beach litter data collection which allows us to get preliminary information for the study of the beached garbage phenomenon, and particularly focusing on quantity, trend and possible sources, in relation with the European Directive about Marine Strategy (2008/56/CE). The information collected in the framework of Clean Up the Med will be useful to survey the amount of trash thrown into the marine environment and act in finding specific solutions and changing behaviours.



Step 2: Clean Up the med

On 24th, 25th and 26th May 2019, thousands of volunteers from Mediterranean countries will remove tons of waste (mostly plastic) from beaches and coastlines, as well as from sea bottoms. This is the most important and widespread volunteering beach cleaning all around the Mediterranean Basin.



LEGAMBIENTE

Legambiente is an Italian, non-profit organization established in 1980. Legambiente aims to protect the environment, fight against the pollution and alter the citizen's behaviour regarding nature. Legambiente is the most widespread environmental organization in Italy and its activities are based on the work of 1,500 local groups coordinated through 20 regional committees. Legambiente is acknowledged as "an association of environmental interest" by the Italian Ministry for the Environment, and as "Development NGO" by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Legambiente belongs to the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and to MIO (Mediterranean Information Office). Legambiente also takes part in the United Nations Environmental Programme - Mediterranean Action Plan as observer and belongs to the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD). Legambiente usually organizes environmental campaigns, voluntary activities and international cooperation projects, raising awareness on environmental protection and sustainable development.

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Did you know that...

Around 9% of the world's biodiversity is concentrated in the Mediterranean Sea, making it an hotspot of biodiversity. Of that an estimated 20-30% rates are considered endemic.



The 80% of the marine litter, of which some 50-80% is plastic, is generated from land-based activities.

The Mediterranean Sea has been described as one of the areas most affected by marine litter in the world. Indeed, it holds the record for the highest density of marine litter on the sea floor, with up to 100,000 items/km² (off the French coast) and the highest density of floating microplastics, up to 4,680,000 items/km² (Southern Adriatic)



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date/jour:

when/quand:

where/où:

info:

How long does our waste take to decompose?

Quel est le temps de décomposition de nos déchets?



COTTON BUD STICKS
COTON TIGE
150 years
ans



DRINK CANS • CANETTE
200-400 years
ans



GLASS • VERRE
4000 years
ans



PLASTIC BAG
SACS PLASTIQUES
100-300 years
ans

CIGARETTE BUTTS
MÉGOTS
12 years
ans



PLASTIC BOTTLES
BOUTEILLES EN PLASTIQUE
450-1000 years
ans



FISHING NETS AND LINES
LIGNES ET FILET DE PÊCHE
100-1000 years
ans



PLASTIC CUTERLY
COUVERTS EN PLASTIQUE
100-1000 years
ans



SANITARY PADS
TAMPONS HYGIÉNIQUE
500-800 years
ans



PLASTIC TOP
BOUCHONS EN PLASTIQUE
400 years
ans



TETRA PAK • TETRA PAK
5 years
ans



PLASTIC NURDLES
GRANULÉS PLASTIQUE
INDUSTRIELS aka Mermaids' tears
100 years
ans