Marine Protection Action against waste fishing nets

Our non-profit activities include the recovery of fishing nets by volunteer divers and their storage in special facilities, in addition to educational and prevention programs.

**FISHING NET RECOVERY**

We run pilot projects in three regions where our divers recover ghost nets from the bottom of the sea.

- **North Sea**
  - 40 day expeditions
  - 50 volunteer divers
  - “Project Argo”
- **Adriatic - pilot**
  - 16 day expeditions
  - 50 volunteer divers
  - “Healthy Seas”

**PREVENTION**

We identify preventive measures through collaboration with various stakeholders involved, such as the fishing industry, fish farms, salvage companies and others.

- DeFishGear project and Healthy Seas join forces for a healthier Adriatic Sea.
- A Declaration of Intent was signed by Healthy Seas, the Foundation for Sustainable Fisheries Development, the Ecodivers and Waste Free Oceans in Oostende, Belgium, stating that the parties cooperate together for a healthy, Belgian North Sea.
- More than 300 fishing boats based at the port of Ancona in Italy, together with the diving community, started to collect their waste fishing nets for Healthy Seas.

**AWARENESS RAISING**

We work on raising public awareness of the ecological and economic importance of healthy seas.

- Healthy Seas exhibition at the ISPO 2014 trade fair and exhibition in Munich, Germany, 26-29 January 2014.
- His Royal Majesty King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands presented with the Healthy Seas promobox at the New Year’s event of “MVO Nederland” (CSR the Netherlands), 30 January 2014.
- Presenting Healthy Seas at the Mediterranean Conference on Combating Marine Litter in the Adriatic MacroRegion, 12-13 May 2014 in Athens.
- Exhibition stand and presentation at the Green Week, 3-6 June 2014 in Brussels.
- German television station ZDF (Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen) joined a Healthy Seas diving trip and made a documentary which was broadcasted in October 2014.
- Healthy Seas reached the final round of the Dutch ASN Bank Wereldprijs, presenting the initiative in several events to a large audience gaining a lot of recognition.
- Healthy Seas was presented as an innovative case for business and biodiversity at the B@B Conference in Brussels, 21 November 2014.

**NEW PARTNERS**

- **Kaufland Group**, one of Europe’s leading food retail companies is the first to sell Healthy Seas socks.
- World Animal Protection of Healthy Seas cooperates in building awareness and taking action against the use of fish fauna, and more.

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