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INTRO

SOLDECOCOS presented an integrated regional vision of the Strait of Gibraltar and the Alboran Sea, grounded in ecological connectivity, participatory governance, and scientific monitoring of shared habitats and fishery resources between both shores.



★ SOLDECOCOS – Contribution to the Spanish-Moroccan Meeting in Tangier

A permanent technical cooperation framework was reinforced among fisheries organizations, the scientific community (IEO-CSIC / INRH), and Spanish and Moroccan administrations to advance toward a joint Action Plan on marine biodiversity and sustainable fisheries.



Strategic Framework of the Intervention

SOLDECOCOS structured its contribution around four key pillars:

- Ecosystem-based approach and transboundary nature of the Strait and Alboran Sea.
- Integration of Marine Protected Areas and Natura 2000 Network.
- Monitoring tools (ROV surveys, bionomic cartography, fisheries monitoring, acoustic telemetry).
- Participatory governance linking fisheries sector, science, and public administration.



PROJECT UPDATES

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Pollution and Microplastics

In coordination with INRH, results were shared on macro- and microplastics, contamination pathways, and maritime pressure (over 100,000 vessels per year crossing the Strait), highlighting the need for coordinated monitoring and response protocols.



BLUE CONNECT Presented work into LIC ESTRECHO OCCIDENTAL as a demonstration case integrating conservation and small-scale fisheries: habitats 1110 and 1170, coralligenous reefs and gorgonian fields, ROV monitoring, and fishing effort assessment.



A REGIONAL VISION

SOLDECOCOS' contribution reinforced a shared technical narrative linking science, fisheries stakeholders, and public authorities, consolidating the regional vision of the Strait of Gibraltar and the Alboran Sea as a single ecological system requiring cooperative, evidence-based management with active coastal community participation.



THANK YOU FOR READING

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