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LIFE ECOREST restoration techniques applied in Cadiz waters

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The educational programme concluded with the participation of over 450 schoolchildren

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Second meeting of the strategic commission held

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The guild of Sant Feliu de Guíxols collaborates in the LIFE ECOREST project

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“Within the fishermen’s guild of Blanes, we have become very involved in the LIFE ECOREST project, and we are already in the *Champions League*”



Ferran Martínez is the major patron of the fishermen's guild of Blanes. From an early age, he has been **captivated by the sea**, and now he finds it almost impossible to part from it. For him, the sea is a source of vitality and an escape from the routines of daily life, making it **one of his greatest passions**.

In this **interview**, Ferran shares how the fishermen's guild, renowned for its high level of activity and strong engagement among its members, **collaborates in the LIFE ECOREST project**.

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Networking in Mallorca and Málaga



The University of Barcelona, a partner in the LIFE ECOREST project, presented the initiative at the 'Balearic Marine Biodiversity Conservation Conference,' held on November 7, 14, and 21 and organised by the **Marilles Foundation** in **Mallorca**. The session on November 21 focused explicitly on gorgonians, corals, sponges, and other marine invertebrates.

The event brought together over 300 participants who shared experiences and knowledge to develop **proposals for the conservation** of vulnerable marine ecosystems. One key outcome will be drafting a **conservation document on corals and gorgonians**, which will be submitted to the Balearic Government. This document aims to guide the creation of conservation plans grounded in scientific evidence to protect these species.

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The progress of the LIFE ECOREST project was also presented at the meeting 'Marine Restoration in Spain: Towards the National Restoration Plan' held on 28 and 29 November in Malaga.

During this conference, several reference projects discussed the **challenges, achievements and future prospects** in the context of the new Nature Restoration Regulation. The ICM-CSIC, which coordinates LIFE ECOREST, highlighted the collaboration between the fishing sector, administrations and the scientific community for the recovery of deep-sea habitats.



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Other marine restoration projects



The LIFE ECOREST website features various projects focused on **recovering degraded ecosystems and restoring marine habitats and species** critical to life on the Planet, such as Posidonia meadows, corals, and sponges.

Among these initiatives is the European **REDRESS project**, which brings together 26 partners, including the CSIC, with the goal of **restoring vulnerable ecosystems and rebuilding biodiversity on the European seabed**. The project's actions are set to continue until 2028.

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