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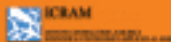


Clean Up the Med



The largest voluntary operation
in the Mediterranean
25, 26 and 27 May 2007

United to protect the sea



CLEAN UP THE MED 2007



More than 1,200 beaches and sections of the coast will be freed from rubbish with Clean Up the Med. The largest voluntary operation that Legambiente has organised in the Mediterranean since 1995. This year the initiative is enhanced by the cooperation of the Civil Protection Department which, within its institutional mission, has started a specific training and educational activity in the voluntary sector to involve it in reclamation actions along the coasts in case of petroleum product spillage into the sea. On 25, 26 and 27 May over 500 authorities, parks and foreign associations will take part, from Algeria to Cyprus, from Croatia to Egypt, from France to Jordan, from Greece to Israel, from Lebanon to Malta, from Morocco to Albania, from Palestine to Portugal, from Serbia to Montenegro, from Bulgaria to Slovenia, from Spain to Tunisia up to Turkey. An important opportunity to bring attention also to the problem of hydrocarbon pollution, which daily affects Mare Nostrum. The three action packed days will include drills by the Italian Civil Protection focusing on coastal interventions in case of serious environmental accidents at sea.

Strong action to send a strong environmental message, and also a message of peace, due to the active cooperation from populations and countries with different cultures and religions, united to protect the sea!

THE GOLDEN LIST

The associations and b

ALBANIA

Albanian Ecological Club - International Friends of Nature, *Tirana*

ALGERIA

AMS - Association Memorie de Setif

Association Ecologique de Boumerdès

Ass.Scientifique de Jeunes « Découverte de la Nature », *Alger*

Ass. De Bienfaisance, Setif Becader, *Setif*

Ecologica Skikda, *Skikda*

Association de Volontariat TOUIZA de la Wilaya - *Alger*

BULGARIA

Youth Club of the Green Party, *Sofia*

CYPRUS

Cyprus Centre for Environmental Research and Education, *Limassol*

Ecognosia, *Nicosia*

Ne.Oi. Young Ecologists, *Nicosia*

CROATIA

CPO Kvarner – Kindergarten, *Rijeka*

Croatian Soc. for Bird and Nature Protection, *Zagreb*

Croatian Semep Unesco Project, *Zagreb*

Djecji Vritic Rijeka- Cpo Maestral, *Rijeka*

Djecji Vrtic Zamet- Cpo, *Rijeka*

MMSG - Grupa Sredozemna Medvedjica, *Zagreb*

Prirodoslovna Tehnicka Skola, *Split*

Secondary School Mateblazine, *Labin*

Zeljko Vasilik, Topolovac Budasevo

EGYPT

EPDA - Egyptian Packaging Development

Association, *El Manial, Cairo*

FRANCE

U Marinu, *Bastia*

Uncpie, *Paris*

GREECE

Dhmos Agioy Nikolau – *Aghios Nikolaos*

Ihnitates – *Kavala*

Municipality of Plomari, *Lesvos Island*

Pinos Agioy Nikolau, Community of Kalo Chorio, *Crete*

Kindergarten of Nea Koutali, *Limnos Myrina*

2nd Primary School of Myrina Lemnos

4th Kindergarten of Myrina

1st High School of Pyrgos

2nd Primary School of Myrina, *Lemnos*

3rd Elementary School of Amyntaio

Elementary School of Aetos, *Florina*

9th Primary School of Egaleo

6/P Primary School of Ippios, *Lesvos*

Primary Private School "Platon"

Primary School of Nea Fokea, *Kassandra*

Primary School of Panagia, *Thassos*

1st Technical School of Sofades

Anatolia College I.B. Program, *Pylea, Thessaloniki*

Private Primary School Platon, *Katerwi*

Agapi Beach Hotel, Heraklion, *Crete*

Agionissi Resort-Pap Corp, Ammouliani Island, *Chalkidiki*

Aldemar Cretan Village, *Crete*

Aldemar Knossos Royal Village, *Crete*

Aldemar Hotels - Olympian Village, Skafidia, *Ilia*

Aldemar Paradise Royal Mare, *Crete*

Aldemar Royal Mare Village, *Crete*

Alexander The Great Beach Hotel - *Pap Corp,*

Kriopigi, Chalkidiki

Aks Hotels- Annabelle Village, *Heraklion Hersonissos*

Aphrodite Beach Hotel, *Mykonos*

Apollonia Beach Resort 8c, *Gazi*

Association for the Protection of the Environment of Kodos

Candia Maris Resort Hotel & Thalassotherapy

Center, *Heraklion, Crete*

Eagles Palace Hotel, *Ouranoupolis, Halkidiki*

Ethelontiki Omada Kathariotitas (Antirripis),

Dardiza Ermionis

Ecotopia, *Athens*

Ecotopia, *The saloniki*

European Facilitation Committee for the Charter of

Responsibilities, *Ermoupolis*

Greotel El Graco, Rethymnon, *Crete*

Greotel Club Marine Palace, Rethymnon, *Crete*

odies which will participate in Clean Up the Med

Hellenic Shores' Development (AAE), *Thessaloniki*

HSPN, Hellenic Society for the Protection of Istron Bay Hotel, *Crete*

Istron Beach S.A., Ag. Nikolaos, *Crete*

Kalimera Kriti Hotel & Village Resort, Sissi,

Municipality of Esper, *Corfu*

Municipality of Gazi, *Gazi, Crete*

Municipality of Gera, *Papados, Lesbos*

Municipality of Georgioupolis, *Kavros Chania*

Municipality of Ierapetra, *Ierapetra*

Municipality of Hersonissos

Municipality of Ios Island, *Cyclades*

Municipality of Kolymbari

Municipality of Nea Kidonia, *Galatas, Chania*

Municipality of Preveza

Municipality of Vion, *Neapolis Lakonias*

N.O.P.O.K. - Nautical Ecological & Cultural Club of Kini, *Siros*

Xenia Ouranoupolis Hotel - Pap Corp S.A, *Ouranoupolis, Halkidiki*

Polis - International Network in Environmental Education, Ermoupolis, *Syros Island*

Robinson Club Lyttos Beach, Hersonissos, *Crete*

Sunwing Resort Makrighalos, Lasithi, *Crete*

The Smile of the Child, *Athens*

ISRAEL

The Galilee Society, *Shefa Amr*

ITALY

Legambiente (Plus de 350 plages et tronçons de côtes)

Dipartimento della Protezione Civile

Icram

Comando Generale delle Capitanerie di Porto

JORDAN

YWCA- Young Women Christian Association of Amman

LEBANON

Amwaj Of The Environment, *Beirut*

Green Line, *Beirut*

NRDC - National Rehabilitation Development Center, *Beirut*

MOROCCO

Amis de l'Environnement, Oujda

Ass. Alwahda de Developpement Local et de Solidarité, *Rmila-Astar e Rabat*

Association Ennekhil, *Tata*

Association L'amitié, Environnement - Loisir- Sport, Tanger
Ass. Protection Environnement de la Wilaya, *Tétouan*

PALESTINE

Palestinian Association For Education And Environmental Protection, *Gaza*

PORTUGAL

ADEP, *Parque da Tílias*

ASPEA, Ass. Portuguesa de Educação Ambiental, *Lisbon*

QUERCUS - Associação Nacional de Conservação da Natureza, *Lisbon*

GEC - Grupo Ecologico de Cascais

SPAIN

Accio' Ecologista Agro' Camp de Morvedre, *Port de Sagunt*

Agrupament Escolta Valldigna, Tavernes de la Valldigna, *Valencia*

Consorci El Far, Centre Dels Treballs Del Mar, *Barcelona*

DEPANA, *Barcelona*

DPANA, *Tarragona*

Eucc Mediterranean Center, *Barcelona*

GEPEC "Grup d'Estudi i protecció dels Ecosistemes del Camp", *Reus*

Nereo Preservador del Medi Ambiente, *Begur*

Parcs I Jardins de Barcelona, Institut Municipal, *Municipality of Barcelona, Barcelona*

TUNISIA

ADPE (Association Developpement et Protection de l'Environnement), *La Marsa*

APNE (Association Protection Nature et Environnement), *Mahdia*

TURKEY

Duzce Gonulluler Dernegi, *Duzce*

Porta Foundation, *Istanbul*

THE THREATS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN

Every year millions of tons of pollutants are discharged into our precious seas, a relentless threat to ecosystems, species of animals and seabed vegetation as well as the coast and the numerous businesses that increasingly rely on eco-compatible tourism. Voluntary and accidental pollution from industry, urban drainage systems, oil refineries, ship cistern cleaning and bilge discharge. Pollution and much more: also the cement used on the coasts due to uncontrolled tourist pressures and illegal fishing daily threaten the Mediterranean. Factors which, if united with the current climate change, the warming of the waters and the consequent increase in alien fish species, especially tropical, give an idea of the constant damage our seas are suffering. Pollution from oil traffic is one of the major problems for the Mediterranean.

**Approximately 150,000 tons of crude oil
are poured into the sea each year.**



POLLUTION FROM HYDROCARBONS

Around 200,000 large ships including more than 2,000 ferries, 1,500 cargo ships and 2,000 commercial crafts plough the Mediterranean each year. It is the transportation of crude oil and refinery products that represents the main and most worrying item transiting the Mediterranean. Oil tanker traffic accounts for approximately 20 percent of global maritime traffic and amounts to 360 millions tons each year. It is not by chance that the Mediterranean has the highest density of pelagic tar in the world with an average of 38 mg/cubic meter compared to 3.8 of Japanese seas, 2.2 of the Gulf Stream or 0.8 of the Gulf of Mexico. Pollution due to accidents at sea and on the coast can have devastating consequences, as the disasters of the Haven in 1991 and Lebanon last year showed. This is compounded by products deriving from tankers' operations, such as the discharge of bilge and sludge, and the illegal cleaning of tanks in the sea.



LEGAMBIENTE AGAINST MARINE POLLUTION

Legambiente has gathered and trained more than 500 volunteers specialized in the cleaning of the coast in case of major accidents at sea with the spillage of pollutants. Already during the dramatic experience of the Prestige, Legambiente intervened with its volunteers right from the first days of the disaster in Galicia by cooperating with Spanish environmental associations and providing significant aid to local populations in restoring the coast, monitoring and studying the environmental impact.



The Legambiente marine pollution teams are ready and equipped to intervene, under the coordination of the Civil Protection Department, in Italy and abroad, combining speed and ability in such an important, innovative and delicate field. These organised groups of volunteers can provide their contribution in case of large-scale emergencies as well as intervene to stem and try to remedy the damage made by the daily abuse the sea is subject to. A natural step to enhance the constant commitment that Legambiente, together with many environmental organisations in the Mediterranean, undertakes to value and protect our wonderful seas and coastlines.



THE 5 RULES TO CHANGE THE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

In an environment like the sea, a system of open and continuously moving water, for any strategy to stop pollution from the traffic of hazardous substances to be effective, it must be followed at an international level. This is the basis of the five rules Legambiente proposes for a real change of direction to save our seas.

Stop discharging bilge into the sea: the policy to fight operational pollution must be more concrete and effective.

Stop environmental pirates: an efficient and sound international policy must be implemented to repress voluntary pollution. Repression but also the adoption of measures which make discharging bilge at coastal depots financially beneficial and cleaning at sea disadvantageous.

No more bedlam crews: the ships' crews, just like their captains, must be suitably trained and professionally competent, especially when transporting hazardous goods.

No go when there is a storm risk: ships which transport hazardous and polluting substances must not sail when there are particularly adverse marine conditions.

Also bunkers kill the sea:

The Bunker convention, signed by Italy in 2001, must be ratified and made operational as soon as possible, as it extends accident insurance coverage also to fuel on board. Ships should also be adjusted at construction level, making the cisterns that contain bunkers more secure.



ITALIAN CIVIL PROTECTION ABROAD

In recent years, the Italian Civil Protection Department has assumed a growing international dimension, demonstrating immense effectiveness and reliability in rescues around the world. The Department is active in the development of international technical-scientific relations in the conviction that environmental risks go well beyond national borders. At a European level it contributes to the development of community civil protection mechanisms, with the aim of strengthening the international ability to respond to emergencies, but also to export the important know how of the Italian Civil Protection.

It also has signed impressive cooperation projects with the United Nations to manage emergencies.

During the latest international emergencies, the Department has efficiently and professionally intervened across the globe, with highly specialised rescue missions, from the terrorist attack at Beslan, to the earthquake in Iran, from the tsunami in Southeast Asia to the eruption of the mount Merapi in Indonesia. An international operational ability and commitment which had to be extended to Marine Pollution and protecting the coastline



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LEGAMBIENTE: FUTURE QUALITY ENVIRONMENT

More than twenty years of activity, over 115,000 members, 1,000 local groups and 1,500 environmental classes: today Legambiente is the top Italian environmental association. Fighting pollution and active in environmental education, it has developed an innovative idea for the protected areas; against eco-criminals and illegal building. Through Goletta Verde (Green Schooner), Treno Verde (Green Train) and Operazione Fiumi (Operation Rivers), Carovana delle Alpi (Caravan of the Alps) and Salvalarte (Save the Art), Legambiente has gathered huge amount of data on the pollution of the sea, cities, water, the Alpine areas and the artistic heritage. Through Puliamo il Mondo (Clean Up the World), Spiagge Pulite (Clean Up the beaches and seabeds), Mal'Aria (Sick air) it has led the way for strong and committed environmental volunteers. Through 100 Strade per Giocare (100 streets to play), la Festa dell'Albero (Tree fest), Festambiente Ragazzi it has offered thousands of children the chance to take part. Through La Nuova Ecologia it performs daily information awareness work on the subjects of environmental quality. Through Clima and Povertà (Climate and poverty) and many international cooperation projects, it fights for a better, fairer and happier world, to make people, communities, and populations the main players of the future. Through the Osservatorio sul Mediterraneo (Mediterranean Observatory) and the EEN, Euro-Mediterranean Environmental Network formed of associations, public institutions, schools and universities working together to promote common actions for peace, solidarity, integration and sustainable development in the Regions of the Mediterranean, Legambiente coordinates actions aimed at safeguarding the Mare Nostrum.

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