

FISHING PORT OF LA COTINIÈRE

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE OF VISIT: 03/10/2024

PORT MANAGEMENT

Port Authority : Department of Charente-Maritime
Administrator: Port Management - Department of Charente-Maritime

PORT DESCRIPTION

Fishing port and marina
Presence of a fish market
Flotilla of 95 fishing vessels
(trawlers, trollers, pot vessels gillnetter)

MANAGEMENT OF USED FISHING GEAR

EQUIPMENT

- **6 skips** on the docks for EOLFG (nets and ropes)
- **Closed port waste collection centre** for the management of CIW and hazardous waste.

MANAGEMENT

- Fishermen put their used fishing nets and gear directly into the skips.
- There are 2 social work structures in the port: 'L'Atelier des gens de mer' (managing the waste collection centre) and the ESAT 'Claire et mer' (dismantling nets).
 - **Management costs:** included in the port user fee.
- All waste costs the port at least €100,000 per year.
 - **Quantity:** 6T of nets in 2024 / 10T of used trawls / year.

REUSE

- Collection and recycling of nets by Fil&Fab to recover the raw material.
- Experiment conducted by Fil&Fab and WWF: recovery of 3 tonnes of trawl nets in May 2024 (shredding and recycling tests).
- FILIPECH project in 2022: 2 tonnes of trawl nets sent to Plastix (Denmark) for recycling.

CONSTRAINTS

- Constant increase in the cost of waste management.
- Trawls stored on docks awaiting recycling solution.

BEST PRACTICES & OBJECTIVES

- Active involvement of the harbour in the management of port waste (waste reception plan dated 2023).
- Closed waste collection centre (to prevent illegal dumping).
- Diagnostic carried out in 2021 to identify ways of improving waste management and raise awareness among port users.
- Long tradition of management and recycling of nylon nets via the presence of 2 disabled employment structures in the port.
- A tripartite agreement between the port, the Atelier des gens de mer and Fil&Fab for the recycling of nets implemented in 2024.
- Objectives :
 - Set up a recycling scheme for trawl nets.
 - Improve port users' compliance with waste regulations.
 - Increase awareness of waste issues among port users.



FISHING FOR LITTER

CURRENT PRACTICES

Fishermen bring the passively fished waste back to the port (green bags supplied by ReSeaclon and bins on the quayside). Test operation by ReSeaclon carried out with 4 to 5 boats in order to quantify and qualify the waste passively fished.

PORT ISSUES

Waste passively fished increases the cost of waste paid by the port.
Fishermen do not sort waste which is an obstacle to recovery.