

# FISHING PORT OF RIBEIRA

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### PORT MANAGEMENT

**Port Authority:** -  
**Administrator:** Ports of Galicia

### PORT DESCRIPTION

Fishing activity and fish market.  
**Fishing practice:** fleet of 237 vessels and ships (mostly small-scale fishing vessels)

## MANAGEMENT OF USED FISHING GEAR

### EQUIPMENT / FACILITIES

- Presence of one cage installed by Ports of Galicia in selected ports for the exclusive accumulation of gillnets (polyamide).
- No closed area is exclusively dedicated to nets.

### MANAGEMENT / REUSE

- The unloading of nets at the port is carried out manually by the fishermen.
- Polyamide nets are deposited in designated cages, as they are the only type currently considered to have commercial value.
- A dedicated collection system for small fragments of nets is not in place.
- The retrieval of nets, excluding gill nets, is managed by the company Chicolino.
- An effective net management system has yet to be established in the ports under the administration of Ports of Galicia.
- No data is available regarding the volume of disused nets.
- There is no available data concerning the volume of nets that are no longer in use.

### CONSTRAINTS (EOLFG and WIF)

- The first waste reception plan has not yet been approved.
- Only two staff members are responsible for carrying out waste reception and handling operations.
- Budget limitations are a significant constraint.
- The main challenge is engaging fishermen and ensuring they place passive waste in the designated area.

## FISHING FOR LITTER (WIF)

### CURRENT PRACTICES

- The boats are equipped with big bags (1m<sup>3</sup>).
- The collection of WIF is coordinated between the fishermen's cooperative and the shipowners' association.
- The big bags are unloaded using a crane and transported through the port with the assistance of a pallet jack.
- The fishermen's cooperative stores the big bags containing WIF within its facilities, while the shipowners' association unloads them in a designated outdoor area for which they had to obtain permission from the Ribeira fish market.
- No compactor is available at the port.
- Characterisation is carried out at the port once a month by members of the Mares Circulares initiative.
- Collection is carried out periodically every 15 days, except on some occasions when it is done on demand.
- The company *Reciclados Plásticos A Cañiza* is responsible for removing the waste to its facilities, where tonnage control is conducted.
- Amount of waste incidentally fishing: 2.1t (2023) and 1.5t (2022).



### BEST PRACTICES & OBJECTIVES (EOLFG and WIF)

- The MARES CIRCULARES initiative is currently in place in collaboration with *Vertidos Cero*.
- The shipowners' association, the fishermen's cooperative, and the *Vertidos Cero* are responsible for communication within the port.
- Training is planned to be provided to companies on the collection of both their own waste and WIF.