

FISHING PORT OF VIGO

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE OF VISIT: 07/11/2024

PORT MANAGEMENT

Port Authority: AP Vigo
Administrator: Ports of the State

PORT DESCRIPTION

General cargo, bulk solids, ship service, fishing activity (fresh and frozen), fish market.

Fishing practice: fleet of 359 vessels and ships (mostly artisanal vessels)

Landings: Black monkfish, White monkfish, Blue shark, Swordfish, Northern megrim, Atlantic pomfret, European hake, Korean flounder, Common squid, Horse mackerel...

MANAGEMENT OF USED FISHING GEAR

EQUIPMENT / FACILITIES

- 1 container for the recovery of EOLFG and 1 for WIF.
- Two designated, covered areas within the Port Authority.
- Forklift or truck-mounted crane, with easy access for the transport and handling of the nets.

MANAGEMENT / REUSE

- The nets are accumulated in a specific 5 m³ container at the port.
- The crew unloads the EOLFG, and the nets are stored in two exclusive covered areas managed by the Port Authority, depending on whether they belong to large-scale or small-scale fishing gear.
- The net makers are responsible for repairing the nets; however, a system for their collection and subsequent management at the port facilities has not been implemented.
- Once the container is full, the EOLFG are transported to a dedicated facility outside the port.
- The Commercial Management Area, within the Environmental Division, oversees communication within the port regarding waste management, which includes both fishing by-products and the contract for cleaning the Fishing Port.

CONSTRAINTS (EOLFG and WIF)

- Increased awareness and further research are required for effective valorisation.
- There is a demand for the establishment of a new green point and the expansion of valorisation activities.
- Data collection remains complex and fragmented.
- Budget limitations present a significant constraint.

FISHING FOR LITTER (WIF)

CURRENT PRACTICES

- The WIF are accumulated in 1 m³ bags on the boats.
- Upon arrival at the port, fishermen manually unload the WIF big bags and deposited in a specific container. Larger vessels request the removal of this type of waste directly through one of the service providers, which will notify the Port Authority of Vigo (APVIGO).
- Characterisation of the waste is carried out at the treatment plant, while quantification is performed globally by waste type.
- A total of 98.3 m³ of passive fishing litter were recorded in 2023.
- Quantity: 10,000 €/year



BEST PRACTICES & OBJECTIVES (EOLFG and WIF)

- In addition to the provisions established in the MARPOL Convention, the port is equipped with a Clean Point, Green Point, and the option to leave waste on board at the dockside.
- The flow of information and communication is efficiently managed through email, telephone, and in-person interactions.

Objectives:

- They seek to increase the number of awareness and training campaigns.