

FISHING FOR LITTER AT A GLANCE

What is Fishing for Litter ?



A VOLUNTARY SCHEME

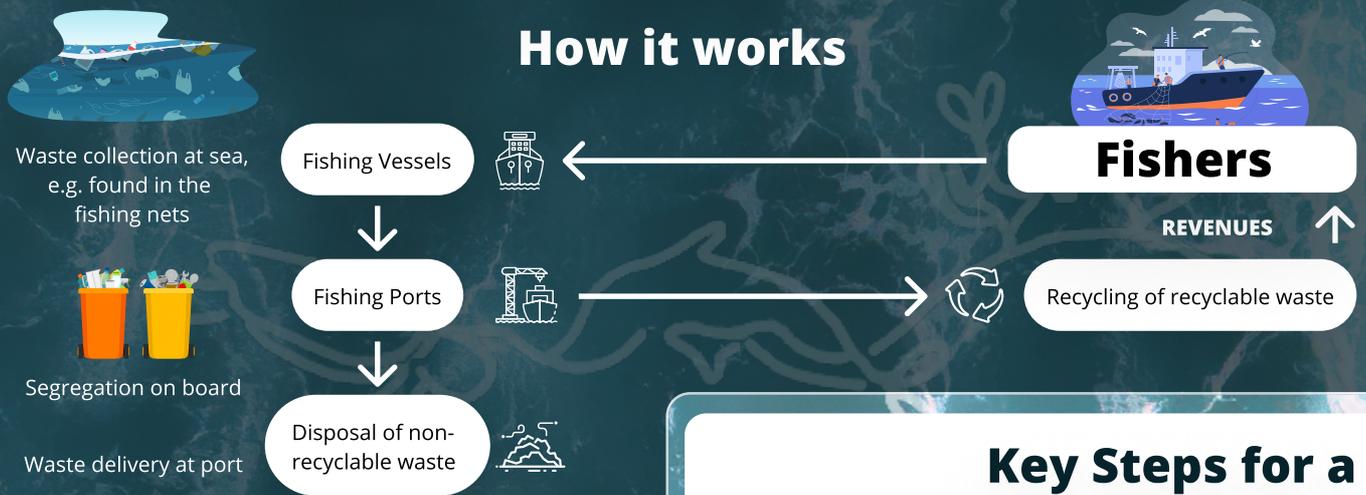
Fishers bring back waste collected as bycatch in their fishing nets to the fishing ports for a proper waste management and recycling.



GOOD FOR THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND THE COMMUNITY

With it, fishers do something good for the marine environment and benefit themselves. With their enthusiasm and commitment they can be a good example for the community. Fishers are often supported with training, give aways such as T-Shirts and flags for the boat and possibly small revenues or incentives from plastic recyclers or other sources.

How it works



Key Steps for a Fishing for Litter Scheme



1 Get in dialogue with the fishing communities and fishing associations



2 Involve the fishing port, provide information and improve its waste management (e.g. set up collection points, conduct trainings)



3 Identify plastic recyclers for the collected waste



4 Establish the "mechanism" for Fishing for Litter



5 Increase awareness and educate on the impact of marine litter and on sustainable fishing practices