



"The joint work between fishermen, scientists, administrations and society is the important commitment that the ocean needs to recover"



At the Institut de Ciències del Mar (ICM-CSIC), Josep-Maria Gili has been researching the ocean for over 40 years and transferring its values to society in order to protect it.

He currently coordinates the LIFE ECOREST project to restore of deep-sea habitats in Catalonia with the active participation of the fishing industry.

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Marine ecosystems are the home of habitats and species which are pivotal to life on Earth, such as meadows of Neptune grass, corals, or sponges. However, many of these marine communities are in a deficient state of conservation and damaged after decades of withstanding the impact of human activity.

Restoration of marine habitats is a powerful ally to reverse ecosystem degradation and maintain the natural value of sea habitats.

It is not a default solution but rather the last step to complete the restoration of damaged natural resources

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Deep sea habitats provide shelter and food for a large number of species and enhance marine biodiversity, since they play a fundamental role in the life cycle of many marine organisms.

Deep reefs (Habitat 1170) are one of the five marine habitat types of Community interest listed in Annex I of the Habitats Directive.

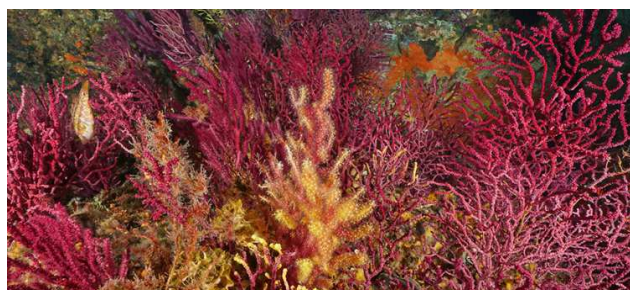
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