



Newsletter LIFE ECOREST

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News



Fishers begin the process of returning recovered corals, gorgonians and sponges to the sea

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The project's scientific progress was introduced at national and international forums

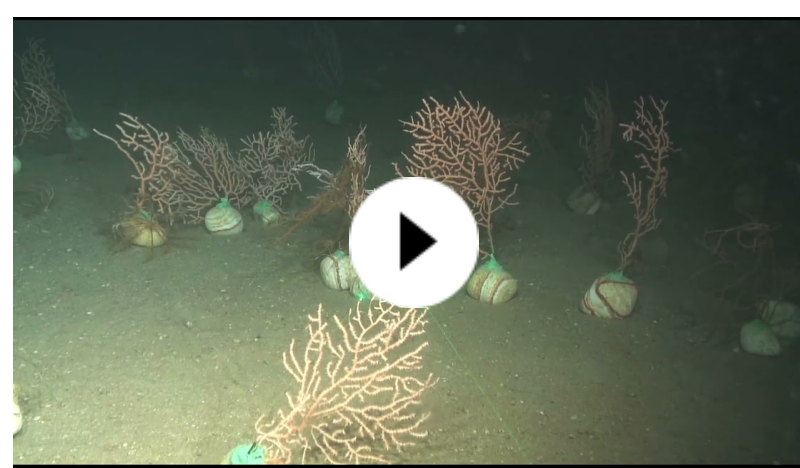
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The first European nature restoration law is adopted

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Successful survival of restored gorgonians



Thanks to the images obtained in the oceanographic campaigns, the success of the restored gorgonians' survival, which reached **95% one year after the first return**, has been verified..

This video shows how the gorgonians remain in the substrate after being returned to the sea using the **Badminton method**. This method involves fixing the organisms to a cobble, allowing them to reach the seabed and remain upright.

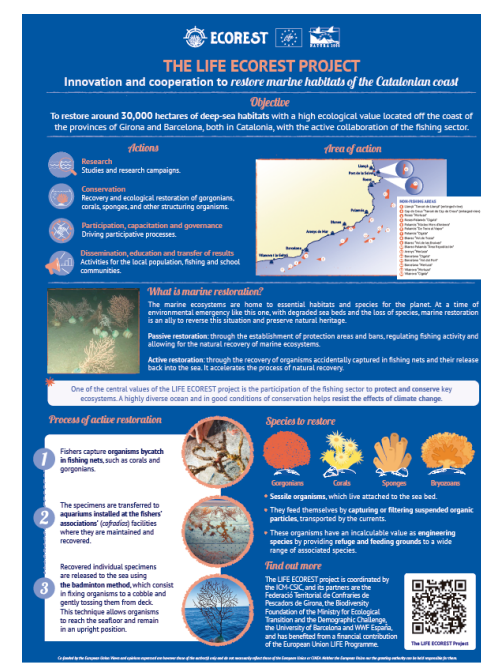
Resources

The following resources are now available on the LIFE ECOREST website to learn more about the project, the importance of deep-sea habitats, marine restoration, as well as scientific progress in new technologies:

- [Informative panel](#) located in the fishers' associations (*cofradías*).

- [Brochure](#) shows the objectives and actions of the project, as well as the restoration process used in LIFE ECOREST.

- [Scientific paper](#) published at Engineering journal: [New Technologies for Monitoring and Upscaling Marine Ecosystem Restoration in Deep-Sea Environments](#).



"The loss and the damage of gorgonian forests could affect economic sectors, such as fishing"



Maria Montseny is an environmental biologist with a PhD in Marine Ecology.

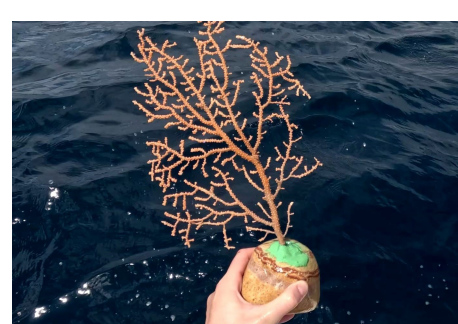
Her research focuses on the conservation and ecological restoration of deep marine ecosystems. Currently, she is a post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Evolutionary Biology, Ecology and Environmental Sciences of the **University of Barcelona (UB)**. She is part of the scientific team of the LIFE Ecorest project.

In addition to embarking on oceanographic campaigns, **she works with the fishers participating in the project** to restore and return to marine protected areas the organisms they rescue from fishing nets.

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LIFE ECOREST on the media

[EFE Verde](#): The "homecoming" of gorgonians and sponges rescued from fishing net



[Diari de Girona](#): Girona fishers return to the sea corals and sponges rescued from their nets



[Arran de Mar](#), programme of six municipal radio stations in Catalonia: Interview with Jordi Grinyó, biologist and researcher of the LIFE ECOREST project.



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