



# RESPONDING TO WASTE ALONG AQUITAINE COASTLINE

## REGIONAL ACTION PROGRAMME, AQUITAINE



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# **A programme implemented by the Aquitaine Regional Council**

## **Funding.**

**Aquitaine Region (136,000) + UE funding (11,000)**

## **Implementation.**

**Institut des Milieux Aquatiques**

## **Four areas of intervention in 2004.**

- 1. Inventory of work done in Aquitaine, other Regions and Europe**
- 2. Exchanging information and experience**
- 3. Recovery of waste by professional fishermen**
- 4. Communication and awareness raising**

# 1- Inventory of work already done in Aquitaine, other Regions and Europe

**A variety of situations exists:**

## **Gironde**

Little if any information has been centralised regarding operators, response modalities and quantities collected

## **Landes**

Only one “ prime contractor ”, the General Council that organises mechanical cleaning along the entire coastline all year long

## **Pyrénées-Atlantiques**

Large variety of actors and measures taken in addition to the gradual implementation of monitoring programmes for the quantities collected and costs.

# 1- Inventory of measures taken elsewhere

## in Départements and Regions of France

- limiting the impact of cleaning  
(e.g. Manche, Calvados, Nord, Pays de la Loire)
- organising research (e.g. Bouches du Rhone)  
or assistance to local authorities (e.g. Alpes Maritimes)
- public awareness raising (e.g. Calvados, Var)
- managing waste in a port  
(Clean Ports programme in Languedoc-Roussillon)

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## 2- Exchanging information and experience

### Appraisal of the situation

In Aquitaine, overall visibility is slight (actors, resources, costs, quantities collected)

There have been problems treating and recycling waste

Work and research into the recovery of waste carried by rivers has been done by EPTB and should be encouraged further

Research results have not been disseminated much (e.g. situation regarding coastal dumps along Spain's Atlantic seaboard, legal status of objects found floating in freshwater areas)

## 2- Exchanging information and experience

### Orientation

Assess the costs for collecting and treating waste along the coastline of Aquitaine

Taking stock of treatment methods, identifying methods used for enhancement (for wood in particular) and reducing the quantities of removed sand

Implementing technical experiments

Improving our knowledge of how waste circulates in the Bay of Biscay

Cross-border co-operation

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## Organisation

### Objective

#### Capture waste

Produced on board



*Preventive measures*

Collected at sea  
when fishing



*Remedial measures*

**A Special Programme Officer has to be in the ports every day:**

- to give plastic bags to crewmembers
- to raise awareness with professionals
- to set up contacts with contractors who pick up the skips
- for ongoing contacts with professional organisations and port authorities
- in view of the importance of constant communication

# 3- Recovery of waste by professional fishermen

## Organisation

**Four** fishing ports have skips or containers for the waste collected by fishermen

Arcachon	One 15 cubic metre skip
Capbreton	One 15 cubic metre skip
Saint-Jean-de-Luz / Ciboure	Two 15 cubic metre skips
Hendaye	One 5 cubic metre container

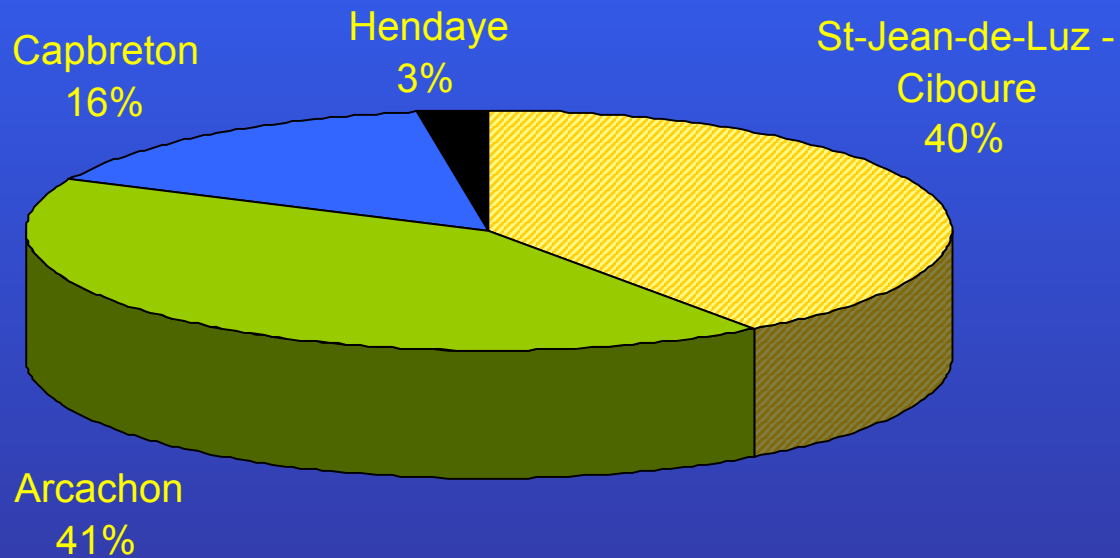


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## Results - Qualitative items

**Sixty one tonnes of waste were collected (690 cubic metres) between January and August 2004**

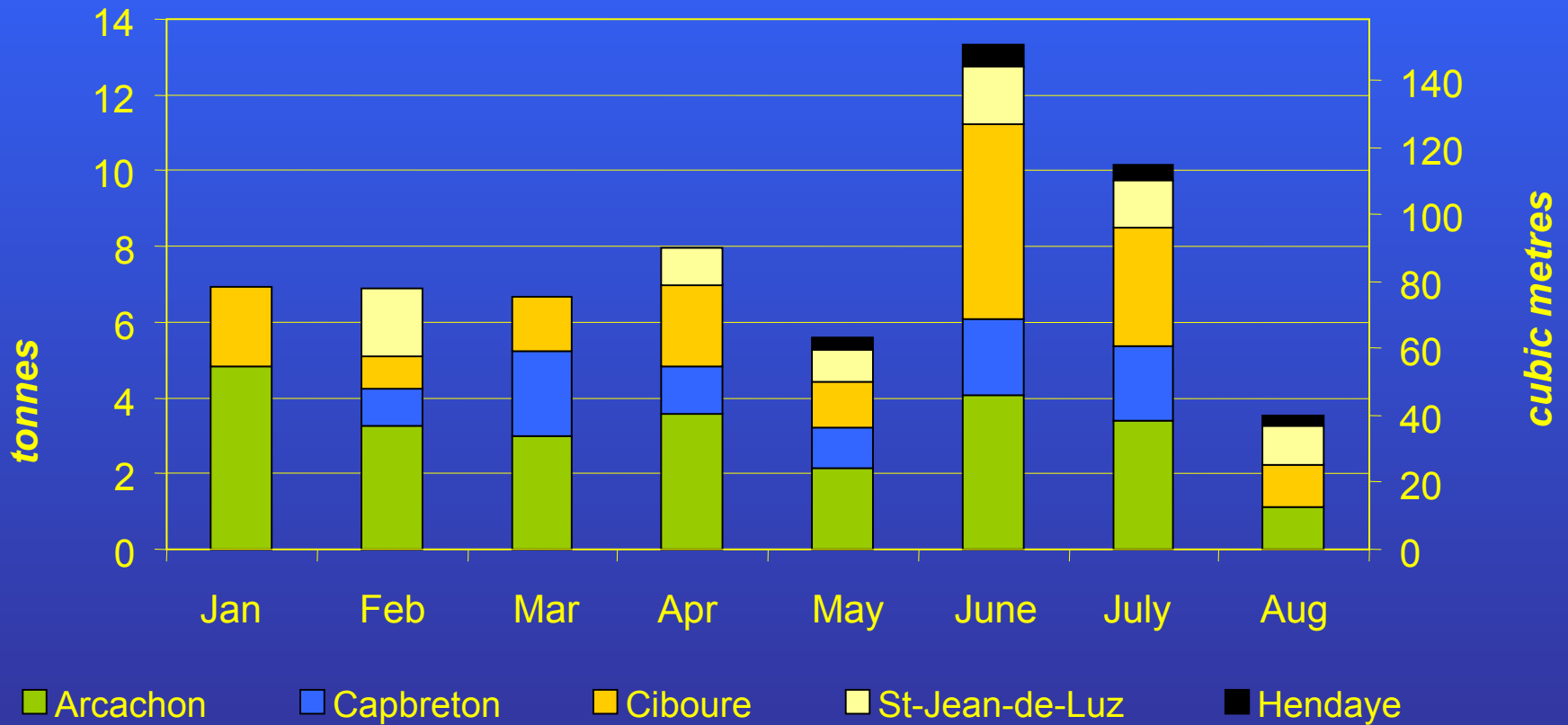
### Distribution per harbour of collected waste tonnages



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## Results - Qualitative items

### Monthly situation for collected waste



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## Results - Qualitative items

### Type of collected waste

- Household : plastic and metal packaging, bottles paper
- Ordinary industrial waste : remnants of nets, hawsers, cans, crates, polystyrene
- Special industrial waste : oil cans, engine filters, paint cans, batteries



## 3- Recovery of waste by professional fishermen

### Similar operations reported

South Finistère : ports managed by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Quimper

Marseille : professional fishermen's association for safeguarding the marine environment

Galicia : ECOPECSA Programme, (Life Environment)

North Sea : Fishing for litter (Interregional endeavour)

Italy : Mare Pulito (Clean Sea)

### Ports interested

Trouville-sur-Mer

La Cotinière

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## 4- Communication and awareness raising

### Requirements

Regularly inform professionals of progress: quantities collected, fate of the waste

Raise awareness in budding professional fishermen on how to manage waste correctly on board

Web site, dissemination



# Conclusion

