PORT OF VIGO IN COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE













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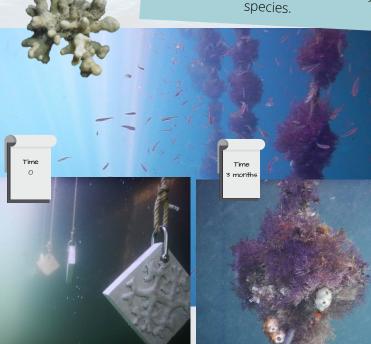
CREATING ECOSYSTEMS: GREEN STRUCTURES, DOOR TO THE SEA "PUERTALMAR"

The "Sunset Docks" project is framed within the Blue Growth Port of Vigo Strategy, a pioneering plan that seeks to enhance biodiversity through the use of artificial systems that create habitats in ports, together with the aim of serving to raise awareness and allow enjoyment and knowledge by citizens. So, it is contemplated the creation of new habitats and the study and disseminate the "hidden" ecosystems of the port environment.

Different structures that promote the rapid colonization of macroalgae and sessile organisms favoring the increase of biodiversity and the capture of CO2 are being studied.

Nature-based solutions: maërl funds (Lithothamnium)

The community of maërl has a high ecological value because it keeps in a great variety of fauna and flora being a breeding area and refuge for many species.





In shallow waters of our coasts, you can still find marine gardens formed by seagrass meadows. These ecosystems play an important role in keeping our oceans healthy and providing a home for all types of marine life.

The seagrass beds have a very high capacity for capturing and storing CO2, exceeding in several orders of magnitude those of tropical forests.

This has established these ecosystems, along with the marshes and mangrove forests, as important actors to support strategies to mitigate climate change.



The Port of Vigo, in collaboration with the University of Vigo, proposes new lines of research to promote and enhance the seagrass meadows of the ports ecosystems.

Developing tools for the conservation and management of port ecosystems and their services and in particular, carbon sequestration and their storage potential

Identifying and capitalizing the ecosystem services provided

Reducing pressure on coastal ecosystems and creating incentives for restoration practices

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