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Guilds coruñasas proposed creating the largest artificial reef in Europe

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The project led by yielding purpose of Sada asks that the Xunta install a seabed design Sada `desert `for reclamation and make it productive.



Several operators unload a module for an artificial reef. La Opinion

MANUEL BARRAL.A CORUÑA patterns over several fishermen's associations of A Coruña have submitted to the Xunta a project to build the largest artificial reef fishing and scientific interest of Europe. The plan aims to install 750 concrete modules ecological shaped igloo in the estuary Betanzos, scattered around different parts of Mars and Sada (in the desert called Sada), for the production and alevinaje species such as lobster, and spider crab nécora .

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Should the Department of Fisheries approve the installation of this artificial reef, Galicia have four such facilities in their estuaries, the east to join those already planned for Celeiro, and Corcubión Camariñas.

The proposal is headed by the captain, large Sada and supported by other guilds as Lorbé, Pontedeume, Miño, Ares and Mera, which will benefit the restoration and improvement of biomass within the artificial reef. Moreover, it is supported by the largest employer of the Brotherhood of A Coruña.

The project has been coordinated, advised and presented to the guilds by the company Fondeos of Galicia, which represents the American company Reef Ball in Galicia and also involved in the anchoring of 250 concrete modules Celeiro. Specifically, sources said the Galician company that the cost of the project would not be very high. "We submitted the application last Wednesday that the Ministry see all brotherhoods who support it and the cost, and may also resort to European funds for Fisheries, it is very likely that the project go ahead," explained from Fondeos Galicia. "Besides projects that are supported by the European Union and recommended by the FAO," added.

The modules will make concrete the role of artificial breeding and allow the species to create habitat in the interior and in the environment of man-made structures and will be well protected from the dangers from outside, including the fishery.

The reefs will be of two types: alevinaje and production. The modules allow alevinaje copies smaller be protected and grow smoothly to reach middle age, when they move to other areas, such as production structures, need more space and food. Meanwhile, in the production modules are more protected from quarrying activity and predators, which is more complicated than depleting resources in the area.

"The reef is geared towards small-scale fishing and, if done well, will have an economic payback in a very short period of time. Fishermen in the area will benefit because there will be more biomass in the environment and because it will not have to move for find their catches, which also will save money on fuel," assured Fondeos from Galicia. Furthermore, once installed the concrete structures, the reef will monitor scientific research two campaigns per year during the first three or four years-will know that at any given time the state of biomass.

The studies, in principle, undertake Fismare, a company of the University of A Coruna, and would make recommendations to the fishing community on fishing effort can be done at any given moment.

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