

Operation Deep Blue Legacy: Fascinating Facts



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What is Operation Deep Blue Legacy?

Operation Deep Blue Legacy is a special project that helps protect the ocean. It's run by Healthy Seas, Ghost Diving, and the Society for Documentation of Submerged Sites, with support from DWS.

The project focuses on two big goals: saving underwater historical sites (like old shipwrecks) and cleaning up ocean pollution, especially dangerous "ghost nets" left behind by fishing. These shipwrecks are being turned into safe places where sea animals can live and grow, helping both nature and historical preservation at the same time.

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The Battle of Convoys and Shipwrecks in the Mediterranean

During World War II, the Mediterranean Sea was an important area for sea battles, especially during a battle called the Battle of Convoy. Ships carrying food, fuel, and other supplies to Africa were often attacked, and many sank to the bottom of the sea.

Today, these shipwrecks are not only reminders of a very important time in history—they've also become homes for sea creatures, helping ocean life to grow.



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Wrecks as Artificial Reefs

Shipwrecks like those from World War II become artificial reefs over time. These underwater structures provide shelter, food, and breeding grounds for marine life, creating rich biodiversity hotspots. Corals, fish, and other marine organisms use these wrecks as habitats, boosting local ecosystems.



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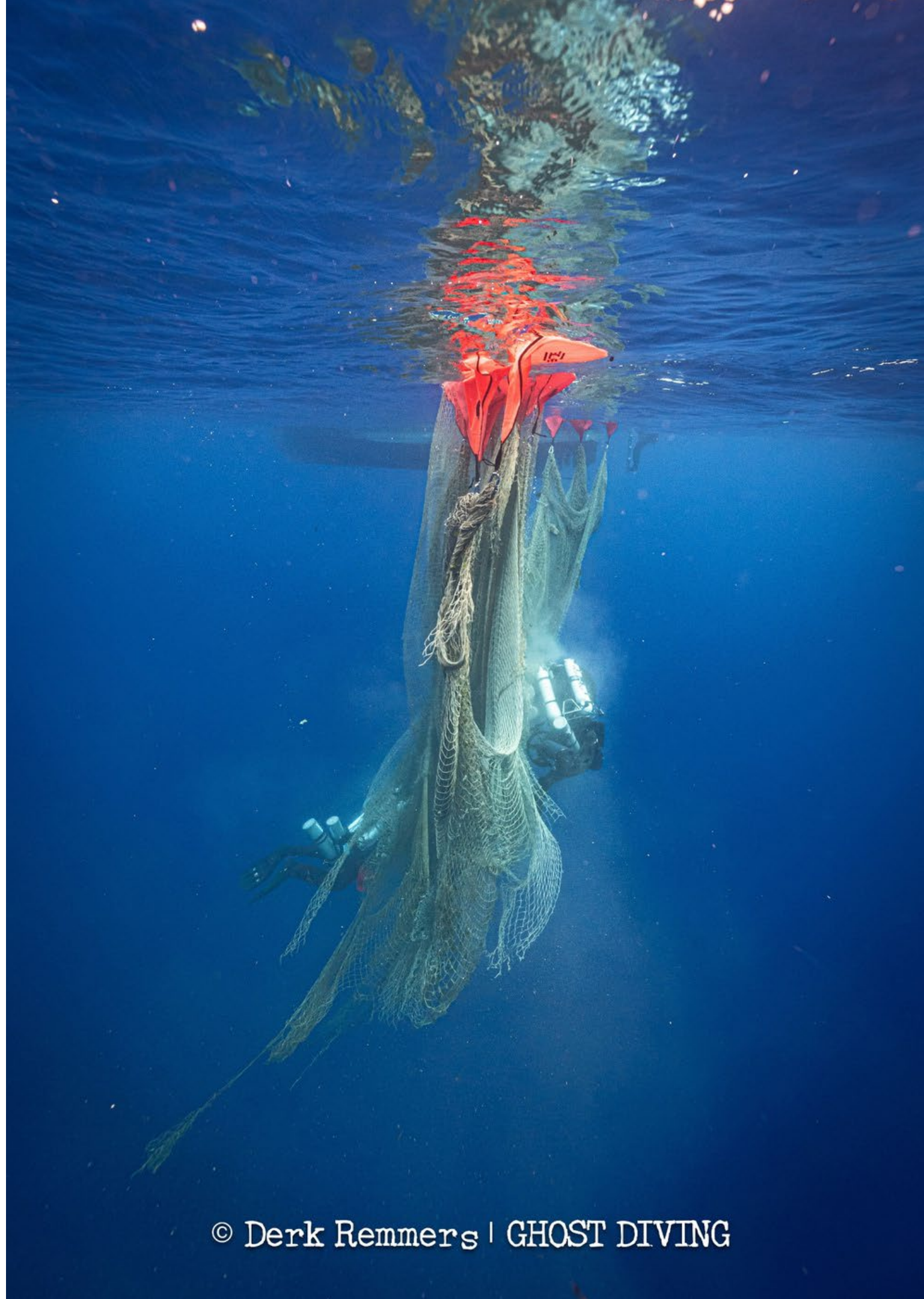
What is Ghost Gear?

Ghost gear is fishing equipment—like nets or lines—that gets lost or left behind in the ocean. Even though no one is using it anymore, it still floats or sinks and keeps trapping, hurting, or killing sea animals. Some of these ghost nets can stay in the ocean for hundreds of years!

They also add to the problem of ocean pollution. Over time, these nets start to break apart and turn into tiny pieces called microplastics, which are harmful to marine life and the environment.



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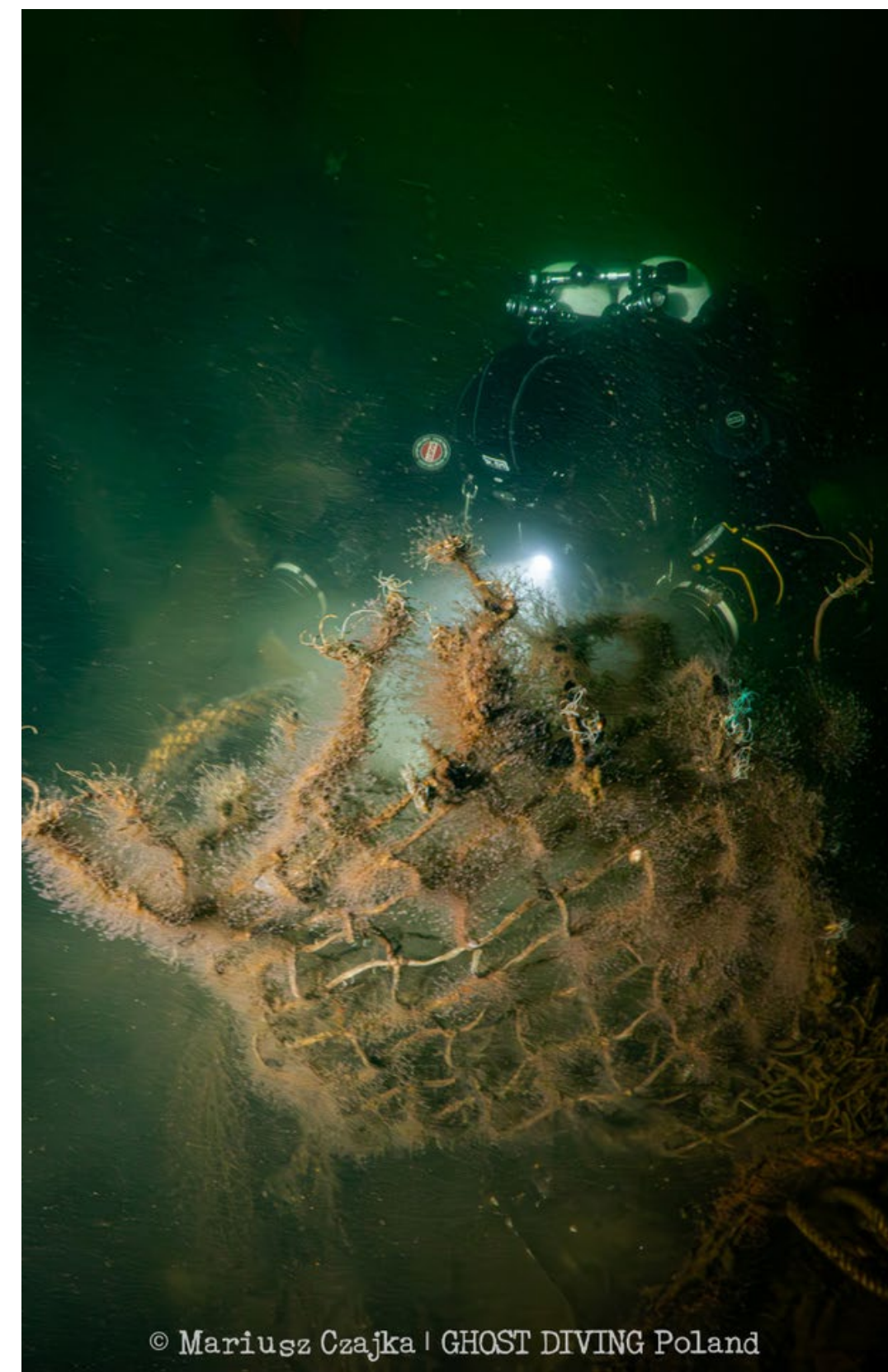
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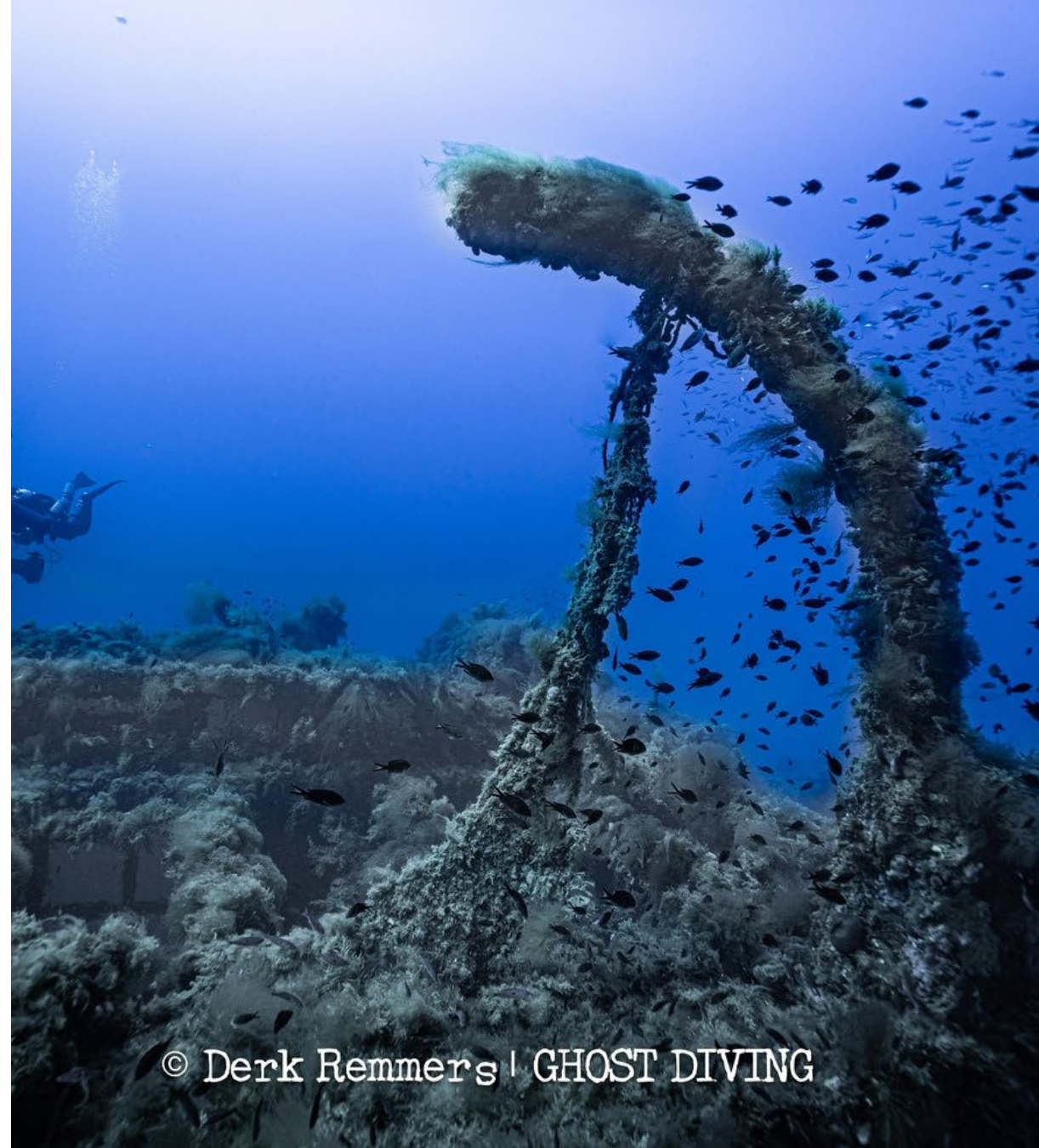
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Ghost Gear on Shipwrecks:

Fishing gear frequently becomes entangled in the remnants of shipwrecks due to fishing activities or ocean currents. These wrecks, rich in marine life, serve as vital habitats for numerous species. Nets caught on these wrecks not only harm marine species but also degrade the historical and ecological value of the wrecks themselves. By removing ghost nets from shipwrecks, as done in Operation Deep Blue Legacy, we help both the environment and historical preservation. Cleaned wrecks continue to function as artificial reefs where marine life thrives and the stories within are uncovered.





Why It Matters

The Mediterranean Sea is full of sea life and important history, but it's in danger because of pollution—especially from ghost nets.

Operation Deep Blue Legacy works to clean up these ghost nets and protect old shipwrecks. These shipwrecks are important because they act like artificial reefs, giving sea animals a place to live. By removing ghost nets, the project helps both the ocean and its creatures stay healthy.

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