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I AM LOOKINGFOR: **A PARTNER (FOR MY PROJECT)** **A PROJECT TO JOIN**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PARTNER SEARCH (*) (2-3 lines to be published on the website – the complete form will be available to download)

I am interested in plastic pollution in freshwater environments (macro-, meso- and micro-plastic debris).

Please complete the information below depending if you are looking for a partner (to join your project), or a project (you would like to join) – Max 1 page.

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR EXPERTISE /SKILLS

I have experience and expertise sampling and analyzing macro-, meso- and microplastic debris accumulated in shoreline sediments and surface waters considering items number, size, and weight and plastic types (resin composition). I am also estimating microplastic particles in stomach and gut contents of fish community and other fauna communities.

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROJECT / THE PROJECT YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN

Among the multiple anthropogenic impacts on nature, the plastic pollution is one of the most obvious but least studied. Although detected in marine ecosystems, the accumulation of plastic debris has only recently been reported in freshwater environments. A growing concern is that once plastics reach the wild, they may cause fauna entanglements, diseases or death by ingestion, release of pollutants and carry invasive species.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPERTISE/SKILLS YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN YOUR PROJECT

I am interested in to develop an extensive information-exchange programme in order to evaluate the plastic pollution status in freshwater environments worldwide, sharing data-bases and general information. At the end of this programme we could provide –for the first time– a quali-quantitative estimation of the plastic debris accumulated and flowing in freshwater environments in many environments as we can.

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