

# TASA Cuidamar Program

## Implemented in 2008

Each vessel has:

**1 Cuidamar staff trained to correctly:**

- > **Identify** the different marine species.
- > **Apply** species release techniques, especially in ETP species.
- > **Dispose** waste.

**+2,800**  
RELEASE RECORDS 

**+100,000**  
SIGHTINGS 

**95% from 1000**  
TRAINED FISHERMEN 

## Components of the CUIDAMAR model

### 1 SKILL DEVELOPMENT



We seek to promote a preservation culture of marine biodiversity. For this reason, we train our Cuidamar, fishermen and shipowners in specific topics regarding ecosystems, ecology, environmental care, basic biology, species identification and correct release techniques. Likewise, each of the Cuidamar staff is provided with a fishing kit \* for the development of their activities on board.

### 2 CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF THE MARINE ECOSYSTEM



Since 2008, a fishing log has been kept in which all sightings of different marine fauna are recorded. To date, there are a total of 98,000 sightings.

### 3 CONSERVATION OF HYDROBIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND NATURAL



Since 2012, our Cuidamar staff complete a guide of the protected natural areas in each season. Since 2013, TASA has implemented self-imposed bans that prevent the incidence of juvenile and incidental fishing. This initiative prohibits the entry of our vessels to certain areas. The measure was taken by the Ministry of Production and is now part of the fisheries management.

### 4 CONSERVATION OF MARINE FAUNA



In 2013, the first release record was received unexpectedly. This led to the creation of the Cuidamar group in 2016, in which a crew member per vessel is responsible for ensuring the conservation of biodiversity and environmental care, therefore becoming specialists in recognizing species and applying the correct techniques for their release. To date, we have more than 1,500 release records.

### 5 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



The reports are prepared at the time of the fishing process and are delivered to the NGO Pro Delphinus to strengthen the scientific research of the industry. This information also serves as input for the project of the National Fisheries Society: Salvamar.