

Mediterranea Project collaborates with the University of Salento at the “Jelly Watch” campaign



“Mediterranea Project” participates at the “Jelly Watch” campaign, the Citizen Science, started by **Ferdinando Boero**, Professor at **University of Salento** and **CNR-ISMAR**, in collaboration with **CONISMA** (Consorzio Nazionale Interuniversitario per le Scienze del Mare).

The project is based on the “**citizen science**”, because it involves each person to contribute by informing about jellyfish sightings, so to allow the marine biologists to map their presence in the Mediterranean Sea, through the website of **FOCUS** magazine: <http://meteomeduse.focus.it>

Intensive fishing has, in fact, degraded the marine ecosystem, reducing the number of fishes, and allowing the proliferation of jellyfish, deprived of possible enemies able to steal their food.

Jellyfish find more easily small algae, the so-called phytoplankton, so they grow up and multiply. There are also more and more frequently species never seen before, because of the raising of sea's temperature. From this need to monitor the jellyfishes' presence and movement the idea of Boero: the “**Jellwatch Programme**”.

Mediterranea crew will support the **mapping of macro gelatinous zooplankton**, through **observations, warnings and, where possible, samplings**.

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