Retrieval of Ghost Nets in Skånska Kattegatt

GUE PROJECT BRIEF - 2025

The aim of this project is to reduce the amount of marine litter and minimise the risk of ghost fishing of porpoises, fish, and seabirds by retrieving ghost nets in Skånska Kattegatt.









In 2021 and 2022, GUE Sweden conducted two documentation projects in the nature reserve "Skånska Kattegatt", financed by the Regional Authorities. In total, ghost nets were documented on eleven different wrecks and there are five more to document.

The project is implemented by GUE Sweden in support of the Skåne County Administrative Board, which is the administrator of the nature reserve, and is aimed at action points 14 and 15 in their conservation plan; inventory and removal of lost fishing gear, so-called ghost nets. GUE Sweden is training its divers for retrieval since 2021. Retrieval is conducted by divers who attach lift bags and send the nets to the surface.

STATUS: ACTIVE. GUE Sweden will implement a retrieval project over six weeks; two in 2025 and four in 2026. The dates for 2025 are; 31 May to 7 June and 7-14 June.

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For detailed information about the situation in the area, please refer to GUE Sweden's digital map (red dots marks the spots!)

