

Two loggerhead turtles return to the sea in Las Canteras on the occasion of World Oceans Day



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Ciudad de Mar celebrated World Oceans Day on Thursday, June 8, at Las Canteras beach with environmental awareness activities and a release of turtles, in which 160 students from the capital participated. "We wanted to claim with the little ones the conservation and sustainability of our coast and our beaches, our big urban parks," said the Councilor for Sustainability, Pilar Álvarez.

The area of La Puntilla in the main beach was the place where two loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) returned to the sea, their natural habitat, after a few weeks in the facilities of the Recovery Center of the Cabildo of Gran Canaria recovering from their Wounds that had been caused by garbage in the sea. Jerome was rescued in El Confital, while Sepro was collected by the Seprona, on the coast of Galdar. The head of the Center, the veterinarian Pascual Calabuig, highly valued these actions "because they allow us to see the serious problem of garbage and plastics in the sea and how it directly affects the marine fauna."

The mayor said that these actions "allow schoolchildren and their families to perceive how fragile marine animals are in the face of aggressive behavior on their natural environment such as garbage, plastics and nets that we pour into the oceans."

The program of activities on the occasion of this international event held in 2017 under the motto 'Our oceans, our future' has been supported by the Royal Victoria Club and the Municipal Institute for Training and Employment (IMEF) with the students Of the Alternation Training program Las palmas Recrea.

The boys and girls of 5 and 6 years of Primary and Secondary Education Centers Leon and Castillo, Las Canteras and Fernando Guanarteme participated from 9.00 am in traditional games and awareness activities on the care of marine biodiversity and the need for its conservation. In addition to meeting the Atlantic City show of Cancionero Islandño, they attended a puppet workshop and learned to play the traditional nail game in the sand of the beach.