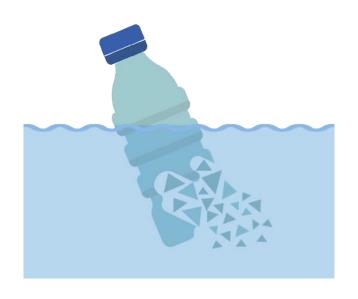


GRIMALDI GROUP

DEVELOPMENT OF MICROPLASTICS FILTRATION SYSTEM





PLASTIC POLLUTION WARNING

Worldwide plastic production in 2023: **430 million tons**¹;

Microplastics are **ingested** by biota and reach every trophic level;

Microplastics have a size smaller than 5 mm;



1800 *million tons*² *of plastics will be produced in* 2050;

3% of waste plastic generated ends up in the sea³;

Microplastics are generated by **degradation** of plastics;

<u>source</u>.

^{1.} PlasticsEurope Market Research Group (PEMRG) and Conversion Market & Strategy GmbH

^{2.} Top Priority to Curb Plastic Pollution: Empowering Those at the Bottom (Nizzetto et al. 2020)

^{3.} Plastic waste inputs from land into the ocean (Jambeck et al. 2015)



FIRST REAL SCALE TESTS



Route: Civitavecchia-Barcelona;

Length: 18 [h];

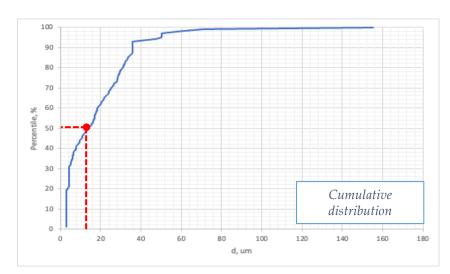
Filter sample weight: **158** [g]; N° particles collected: **2235**; Particles Weight: **54** [mg];

Average size: **18,5 [µm]**; Pellets, Flakes, Fragments, Fibers;

Particles collected: **76** [particles/m³];

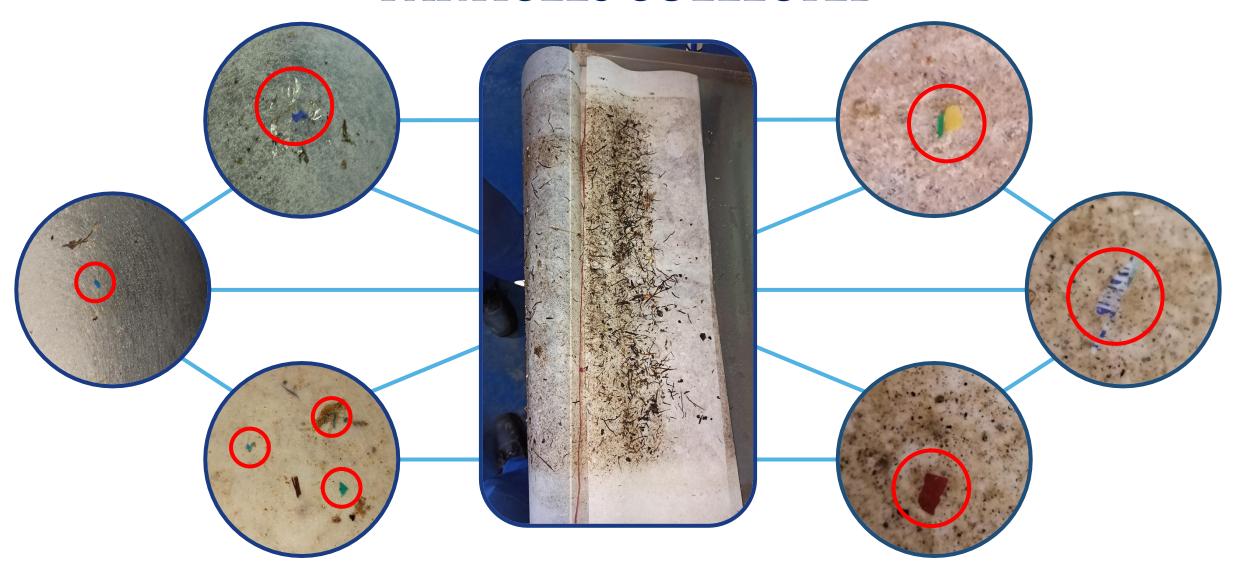
Particles estimated per route: 64.800 particles;





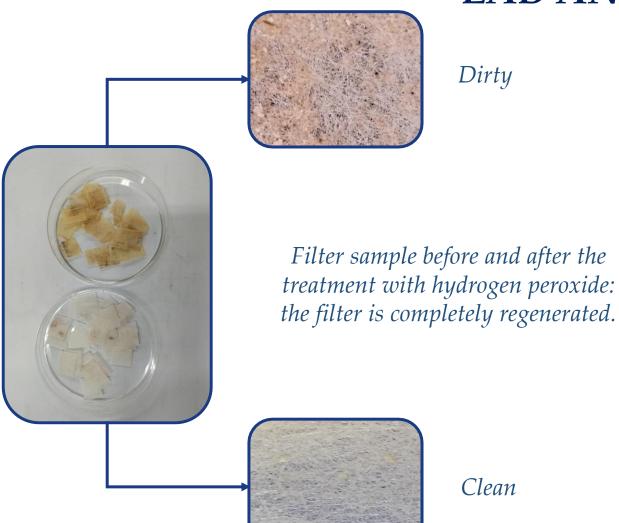


PARTICLES COLLECTED





LAB ANALYSIS



Fragments and Macro-particles in petri dish.







razie per l'attenzione