



12 Art Installations Transform The Mediterranean Seabed



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A new initiative has transformed the seabeds of **Gozo** in Malta, **Alonissos** in Greece and **Ustica** in Italy into open-air marine museums featuring 12 permanent works of art.

The new works are by 24 artists, and were completed in partnership with the **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development** and **ART4SEA**.

During their time on the islands, the artists explored seabeds, coastlines and local culture, transforming scientific data and environmental observations into physical and digital artworks that inform and inspire conservation efforts. These shallow works of art are accessible to snorkelers and divers alike, turning the seabed into meeting places where art and nature converge.



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Key underwater installations

- ***Trajectories by Giacomo Rizzo (Gozo)*** – a vessel-shaped sculpture placed in Xwejni Bay that evokes the memory of Earth while encouraging new life.
- ***Aetas by Micol Cornali (Alonissos)*** – sited in Agios Dimitrios Bay, this piece straddles myth and pollution, challenging viewers to rethink humanity's relationship with the sea.
- ***The Queen of the Corals by Davide Galbiati (Ustica)*** – a reclining female figure in Cala Giacone symbolising the fusion of humans and nature and urging renewed care for marine ecosystems.



Trajectories by Giacomo Rizzo – ART4SEA

Land and Digital Works

Aside from submerged sculptures, **ART4SEA** installed marine sculptures, murals, mosaics and coastal works that celebrate Mediterranean biodiversity and myths. Notable land pieces include *"Calypso"* and *"Symbiosis"* in **Gozo**, *"Life Synchrony"* and *"Blue Diver"* in **Alonissos** and murals *"Beneath the Surface"* and *"Guardians"* in **Ustica**.

Also, 12 **digital works**, including virtual reality experiences, sound art and immersive videos are hosted on the ART4SEA website, extending access to non-divers. Providing non-diving and snorkeling enthusiasts with access to these works.

Commenting about the new project, **Fabio Figurella**, EU project coordinator for **DAN Europe**, stated:

"Every dive is a testament to the beauty and fragility of the sea. With ART4SEA, divers are not just visitors: they become ambassadors for conservation, able to tell what is happening below the surface and inspire real change."



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