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# Environmental consultancies team up for coastal clean-up

Last Friday, staff from three leading Maltese environmental consultancy firms – Adi Associates, En-Sure Limited, and Ecoserv – joined forces to pick up litter around the Marfa coast.

The team spent the morning clearing the coastal area between the historic Wied Musa Battery (also known as Il-Palazz l-Ahmar) and Ċirkewwa Bay of accumulated waste.

They collected a range of waste – including fragments of polystyrene (jablo), masks, wet wipes, ceramic, rusted metal, wood and recyclable materials, including plastic and glass.

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The team also collected bulky waste such as tyres, plastic pipes, steel bars, as well as three asbestos cement pipes. They filled a large skip, kindly made available by the Mellicha local council. The waste was then removed for recycling or disposal by a licensed contractor.

Following the event, Rachel Xuereb, director at En-Sure Ltd, said: “We chose this location after having carried out daily environmental monitoring during one of our projects, where we



The team looking satisfied after a morning spent collecting waste along the Marfa coast.

witnessed first-hand the environmental pressures experienced by this area. We are immensely proud to have directly improved our natural environment and given back to the community through this initiative.”

Senior scientific consultant Joseph A. Borg, who attended the event, added: “This coastal area is

an important part of our ecological and coastal heritage. In particular, it is located adjacent to the Malta-Comino Channel, which supports dense and healthy beds of the important *Posidonia oceanica* (alka) sea-grass habitat. It was a pleasure to join up with other environmental scientists – in this way the

combined effort resulted in a bigger positive impact.”

If not managed properly, waste can harm the environment in various ways, with the leaching of chemicals, the generation of microplastics and the suffocation of wildlife being examples.

Adrian Mallia, managing director at Adi Associates, concluded

by congratulating all staff on the joint effort, saying: “We encourage other companies and individuals to take similar initiatives to improve the Maltese environment.”

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The team collected all sorts of waste.