

Interviewer: Mattia Di Nardo

Interviewee: Donatella Zara

Mattia Di Nardo:

Ok. It has started. Ok, so. I explained the project to you and you were aware of this project, the project that I just explained to you.

Donatella Zara:

No, I didn't know anything about this project and I also find it very interesting.

Mattia Di Nardo:

So what results do you think could be achieved?

Donatella Zara:

Well, it would be good to also involve children so that they too can have knowledge about the aquatic environment and involve them in an active way, in short, in this project.

Mattia Di Nardo:

In fact, by also talking with Contucci we discovered that even middle school kids did a project like this, so you're saying that children could also get closer to it?

Donatella Zara:

Children, yes, it is important to also raise awareness among young kids about the environment in general, in this case the aquatic one, because in any case there is far too much pollution and they need to be educated from a young age.

Mattia Di Nardo:

And so, in fact, you who live as a mother in those areas, what are exactly the problems that you would like to highlight?

Donatella Zara:

So, about problems, well yes, there are many, pollution in general, also maybe the lack of appropriate trash bins where to throw papers, then the incivility of people, because even in the water unfortunately you find everything from plastic to paper. I mean, a lot of work needs to be done precisely on education, both for adults and children, because then with the little ones you start from there, but adults must also do their part.

Mattia Di Nardo:

Right, so from your point of view, how could it be improved?

Donatella Zara:

There should be, well apart from us ourselves first of all, then maybe also offering more settings where also yes, infrastructures, also stations where, it is possible to throw this garbage, this dirt that we create.

Mattia Di Nardo:

So you say that it could improve both from us residents and inhabitants, but also the municipality and the associations, right?

Donatella Zara:

Yes, the municipality and the associations, especially when it is the period where there is more tourism there are more people that maybe someone would like to deposit their waste somewhere, but there is not exactly a place where to throw it.

Mattia Di Nardo:

Yes, so this is one of the reasons why the people of Montenero do not frequent this area?

Donatella Zara:

Yes, this is also one of the reasons because the services there are few, and more should be invested also from this point of view.

Mattia Di Nardo:

We also, by talking with the mayor of Montenero, with Contucci and also with a former councilor and also an accountant of Montenero, discovered that also those from San Salvo, which before we were a united region, with trucks come to throw waste, the scraps here in the mouth of the Trigno, where exactly there is this purifier. Were you aware of this purifier, that is, did you know that it was there?

Donatella Zara:

Yes, I am aware of this purifier and this is also a big problem because in any case it often gives off bad smells. I repeat, especially when there is a lot of tourism, a lot for how small the area is, the people increase. And these bad smells also increase, so yes, it is a problem, a big problem also this.

Mattia Di Nardo:

But in this area do you frequent it in the summer or do you frequent it in other parts of the year?

Donatella Zara:

But also in other parts of the year, that is, also during the winter I often go there because anyway having a house there I go there often, but in winter these bad smells are not there, the infrastructures are always the same, in summer the problem is very evident only when there is a lot of crowding.

Mattia Di Nardo:

So the advantages of this project that I explained to you, what advantages could they bring according to you?

Donatella Zara:

Well I hope for tourism, increasing tourism, people, but above all raising awareness among people to respect the environment, in this case the marine environment, because anyway it is of fundamental importance.

Mattia Di Nardo:

Ok, we also talked with Arpa who are the founders, the representatives of this project and they told us about all the possible problems, so you let's say from the point of view of problems, disadvantages that it brings to you, is it only let's say this bad smell or also some other disadvantage in the way you live in your house or in your living conditions?

Donatella Zara:

So surely yes, I have to be careful having three children and always watch where they go, what they pick up, because you know on the sand it is nice to collect stones, shells, then also when we move. Near the mouth where there are many stones that they like to collect to make little works, you always have to be careful about what they go to pick up because anyway you find everything from dirt, glass, also dangerous things, in short so. An eye is always needed.

Mattia Di Nardo:

Ok, thank you very much. We hope that this project will bring good things.

Donatella Zara:

Yes, many improvements and above all that it will encourage people to respect the environment more. Thank you very much, congratulations.

Mattia Di Nardo:

Thank you.