

# CORK BUOYS # ECO-FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVE





# The Need to Free Marine Ecosystems from Plastic



## A simple solution, visible results !

The pollution of our seas, oceans and lakes by plastic waste is a growing concern.

The signaling buoys, although part of the landscape of our beaches and ports, contribute also to feed the flow of plastic waste that pollute our marine areas..

Aware of the need to act, we have developed a innovative concept of cork buoy with zero components plastic, completely recyclable and 100% ecological.

An alternative that will illustrate your commitment environmental thanks to a strong visual impact to boaters and people present on beaches.



« Together, we can make visible our commitment »



At least 14 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean every year (one truck per minute), and plastic makes up 80% of all marine debris found from surface waters to deep-sea sediments.



Marine species ingest or are entangled by plastic debris, which causes severe injuries and death.



Plastic pollution threatens food safety and quality, human health, coastal tourism, and contributes to climate change.

SHORELINE PLASTICS	SEA SURFACE PLASTICS	PLASTICS IN MARINE ORGANISMS
SEAFLOOR / SEDIMENT PLASTICS	WATER COLUMN PLASTICS	
		<i>Adapted from The Mediterranean: Mare Plasticum</i>

Source: <https://www.iucn.org/>



## What materials are use now by Manufacturers in Buoys

Styrofoam # Polyethylene # PE / PEHD / PEHD foamed

**IN ONE WORD: PLASTIC**

Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/>

## The main sources of plastic debris found in the marine ecosystems are:



80 % land-based, coming from urban and stormwater runoff, sewer overflows, littering, inadequate waste disposal and management, industrial activities, tyre abrasion, construction and illegal dumping.



20 % Ocean-based plastic pollution originates primarily from the fishing industry, nautical activities and aquaculture. Fishing nets, BUOYS, fleets .

According to Ocean Cleanup Association, end of cycle or lost plastic Buoys represent close to 20% of the mass of waste collected.



During an evening, 2 childhood friends shared their story to bring out an extraordinary concept.

Julien fond of sailing, back from a sailing trip shared its concern about the ever-increasing presence of plastic waste into the sea.

It is by opening a bottle, the cork stopper in hand, that Stéphane, back from a trip to Portugal, told him about this extraordinary material that is cork.

From this discussion emerged the idea of designing cork buoys. It will take us almost a year of study, testing and discussions with cork producers to finalize and patent our concept.

At the dawn of their 50th birthday, Julien, an engineer and Stéphane working in the production of eco-friendly textiles, decided to give a new direction to their professional life by bringing more meaning to their activity, for the future generations.

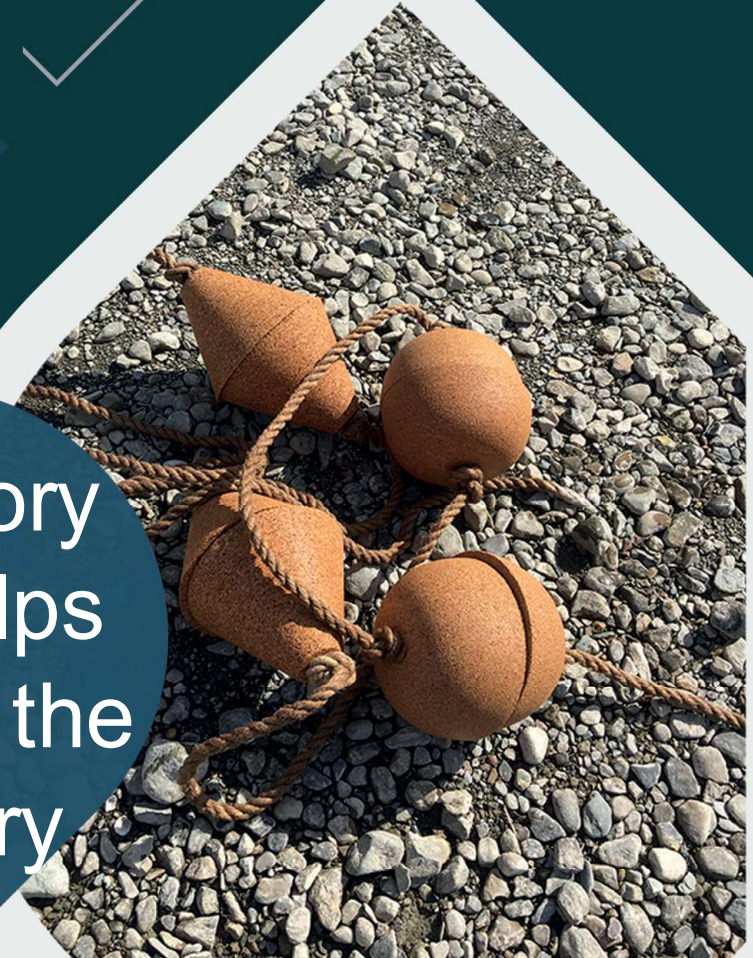
Le Liège Bleu was born !



The Founder  
- Julien GRECO  
- Stéphane LEGRAIN



Our Story  
that helps  
change the  
History





# CORK

## THE MATERIAL THAT FREE US FROM PLASTIC



Cork is the outer bark of the cork oak, an ancient tree that grows in the Mediterranean basin.



It is not necessary to cut down the tree to obtain cork, as the bark regenerates itself every 9 years.



Cork is therefore a European natural origin material, renewable and sustainable natural resource .



Curiosity: The cork oak is one of the species that absorbs the most CO<sub>2</sub> by photosynthesis essential to the fight against climate change .



The peculiarity of the bark of the cork oak is to have an external layer made up of suberized cells which form a homogeneous, elastic, impermeable tissue. Is also resistant and light, rot-proof, elastic and compressible, fire-resistant and hypoallergenic.



But above all, cork is a 100% natural, renewable, recyclable and biodegradable material.





## A UNIQUE CONCEPT

For your need for signaling buoys, we have developed an innovative concept.

The design of our buoys, based on the assembly of simple forms, limits the amount of cork necessary for production.

All the components of our buoys are fully recyclable.

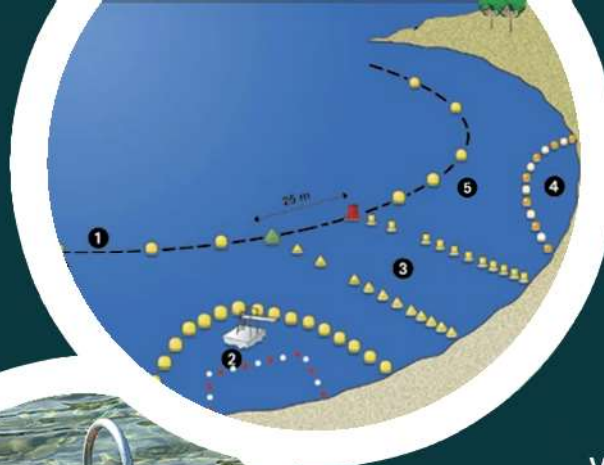
## PRODUCT RANGE

Mooring buoys - Anchor buoys - Fairway buoys - Signal buoys  
Beach marker buoys

- All shapes available,  
Diameters : from 20 to 80 cm
- With or Without stainless metallic axe
- Perfectly unsinkable thanks to cork intrinsic property.
- Natural aspect or with eco-friendly painting : Yellow, Red or Green.
- Can be customized up to your wishes.

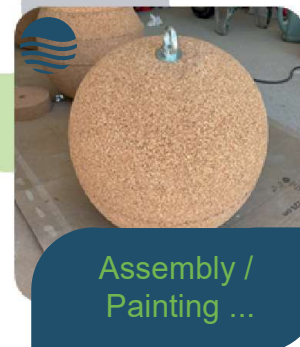
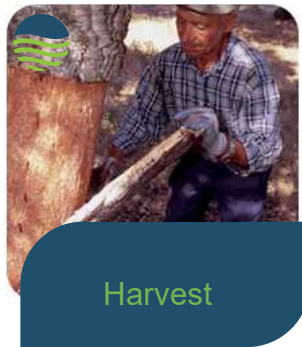
Special buoys

- Our R&D department will be pleased to propose an eco-friendly solution.





# Production Process



Made from  
**recycled materials  
and recyclable**

100%  
Made in EU

From Bark  
to Buoy

Highly robust-Durable-Great Floatability-Unsinkable-Rot proof





## Who can be our Clients

European  
Quality

Competitive Prices  
Low Investment  
for Clients  
High imagine  
return

NO PLASTIC  
Better economy

100%  
sustainable

Environment  
responsability

Ancient Greeks  
and Romans  
used Cork  
as Floats



- Harbor Authorities
- Coastal Cities
- Marine parks and protected areas
- Sailors & shipchandlers
- Associations for the protection of the environment of lakes





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