What is a BioBlitz?

BioBlitz – is an initiative conceived several years ago in the USA to promote understanding of the importance of biodiversity. It involves gathering as many biologists and taxonomists as possible in one well-known, publicly accessible location (a city park, a lakeside, or a seaside area) who, over the course of 24 hours, aim to find and identify the largest possible number of animal and plant species.

Check information about BioBlitz on Wikipedia! (external link)

> The first BioBlitz in Poland was organized by the Polish Academy of Sciences' Marine Research Committee in Sopot in May 2008. Subsequent events were held in 2009, again in Sopot (May 29, 2009) and in Nowy Dwór Gdański (June 13, 2009), then in Gdynia (May 29, 2010 and May 28, 2011) and the last one - in Sopot again at June 16-17,2023.
> We encourage other institutions to take up this initiative—it combines elements of a scientific picnic, popularization of knowledge, and contributes to understanding the value of nature around us. A version for schools was prepared by National Geographic.

The MARBEFES BioBlitz initiative comprises four planned actions across different coastal locations, each designed to engage the public and explore the rich biodiversity of our shorelines. This page presents complete the results with photos and videos capturing the excitement and discoveries of each action: Sopot, Poland, Telegrafbukta, Tromsø, Norway, Dublin, Ireland, and Oristano, Sardinia, 2026.

Finally, the concept and the methodology for the online short movies (circa 3 minutes) were developed. The idea was discussed with the relevant MARBEFES partners, including BBTs leaders.

The small delay in publishing this milestone is related to the fact that our first concepts, while tested in real conditions, proved to be inefficient and so, we needed slightly more time to rethink and reconstruct the coastal watch templates and send them for comments among the project participants.

Check the results of each of our BioBlitz events!

BioBlitz SOPOT June 16-17,2023	BioBlitz Tromsø June 26, 2024	BioBlitz Dublin 2025	BioBlitz Oristano 2026

Here is a link to the official webpage where you can find more BioBlitz results, not just those related to MARBEFES!

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