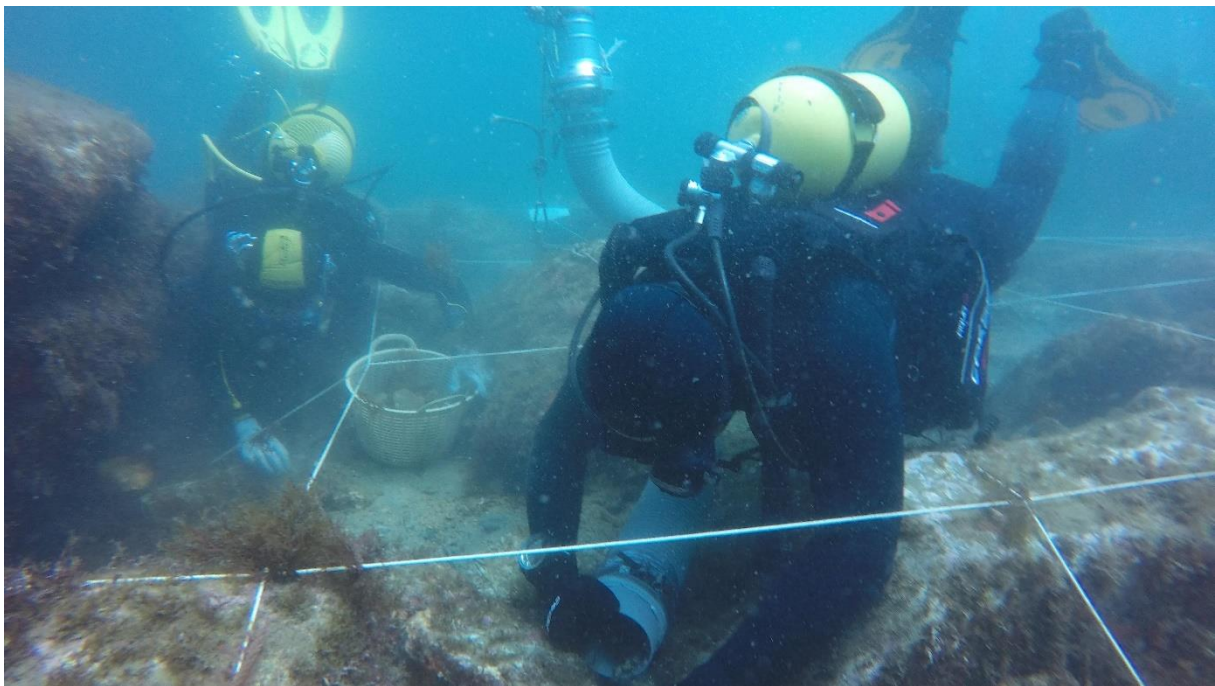


## STUDY CASES

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## LA BALLENERA. UNDERWATER TRAIL ON A 16TH CENTURY SHIPWRECK

La Ballenera Shipwreck is a merchant ship sunk in the Bay of Algeciras, with an important cargo of Italian products. This is an underwater archaeology research project led by the University of Cadiz and a field school site for students. During the excavation process, an agreement was reached between local stakeholders in order to create a new cultural underwater tourist resource for local dive centres and museums. In collaboration with a local diving centre (Caetaria) and the FEDAS association, public visits were carried out during June and July 2019. Visitors could learn about the archaeological research process, underwater artefacts and carry out an archaeological guided dive on the site, creating public awareness on UCH and new cultural tourist resources for the Algeciras local stakeholders.



Underwater archaeologists at work on the site of La Ballenera @ University of Spain

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