

Ciudad de Mar removes aggregates accumulated in the natural pools of La Laja beach

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Ciudad de Mar, municipality of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, has started this week to remove excess aggregates accumulated at the bottom of the natural pools of La Laja beach due to the coastal dynamics. The works that began in the morning of Monday, November 6, have allowed to recover the optimal state of this citizen leisure equipment that had lost depth. The pools will reopen to the public this afternoon.

The councilman of Ciudad de Mar, José Eduardo Ramírez, explained that the dredging takes place these days taking advantage of the fact that it is a time of low citizen occupation "to avoid inconveniences and inconveniences to the habitual users. The works have been executed quickly and efficiently, in just over 24 hours. "

The Demarcation of Coasts has authorized the execution of the works, awarded to the company SURHISA S.L., for which two backhoe loaders with an articulated arm and a loader have been used that have allowed to act on the bottom from the ends of the pools.

The dredged sediment, around 500 cubic meters, has been transported by small trucks to the place where they have been deposited, in the northern arch of the beach of La Laja, from the access ramp to the beach that is located at the exit from the laja tunnel to Torre del Viento. "Following the indications of Costas all this material has been extended without exceeding 50cms of thickness. At no time has any space been covered that could affect the uses of the beach and the environment, "said Ramírez.

The last removal of aggregates in the pools was carried out last March and, previously, in the spring of 2015. It is expected that in the first quarter of 2018 the following dredging will take place, in order that the pools are ready, after the predictable tides of winter, facing the start of Holy Week, one of the times with the greatest influx of bathers and users.

The company awarded the works, Surhisa, has included a topographic survey that was carried out before and after the extraction to know the real state of the fund. In addition, a study of geometric control and granulometric analysis was carried out with the aggregates removed. The results of the last granulometric study determine that, in general, the material extracted from the pools are, for the most part, sand with pebbles in a very small proportion. In this sense, in the north pool, 98% of the material is less than 25mm, in the central pool and 94% and 92% respectively, it is less than 20mm.

Swimming pools of La Laja

The north pool has an approximate surface area of 423 square meters and a maximum depth of 1.5 meters. The central, rectangular pool of about 600 square meters and a depth of 2.75 meters and the South pool has 252 square meters and a maximum depth of 1 meter.