

G7 Action Plan to Combat Marine Litter

- Relevance of UN Environment Activities

Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the
Marine Environment from Land-based Activities



What is the GPA?

- The Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities
- Adopted in 1995, it is a voluntary, action-oriented, intergovernmental programme, led by UN Environment, to prevent the degradation of the marine environment from land-based activities
- National Programmes of Action / RSCAPs



The Global Partnership on Marine Litter:

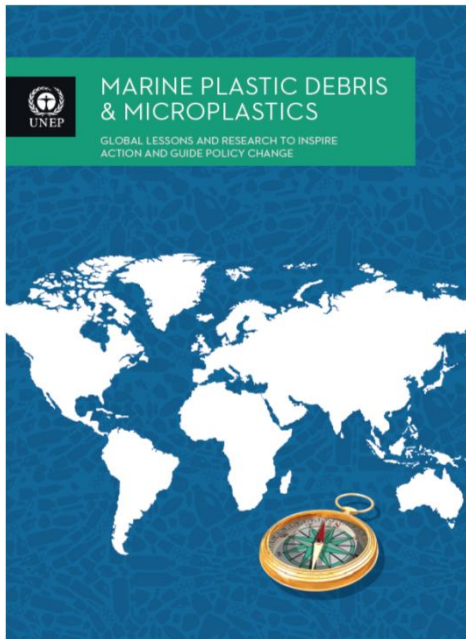
- Launched at the Rio 20+ Conference in June 2012, - now 100+ partners (Honolulu Strategy goals: land-based, sea-based, recovery)
- International Steering Committee including FAO, IMO, several countries and GESAMP
- Stand alone resolutions on marine plastic litter and microplastics adopted both at the First and Second United Nations Environmental Assembly (1/6 and 2/11)
- Help countries reach their targets related to Sustainable Development Goal target 14.1 - indicators + baselines



Global Partnership
on Marine Litter



Marine Plastic Debris and Microplastics – policy relevant recommendations



- **Phase out** of microplastics in PCCPs
- Drastic reduction/ban of **single-use plastics**
- Short-term: waste management, **long-term: upstream reduction**
- harmonization and **standardization** of methods
- Gaps/solutions for governance frameworks

- Priority areas for Research and Action

Action plans/nodes/networks



■ Marine Litter Action Plans:

- **Regional:** Mediterranean, Caribbean, Black Sea (Northwest Pacific, OSPAR, HELCOM),
National: Nigeria, Panama, Sierra Leone, **Municipal:** CPPS
- Under discussion: Africa RSCAPs, COBSEA, SACEP, ROPME, SPREP
- Stock-taking and technical support Marine Litter Action Plans

■ Nodes/networks:

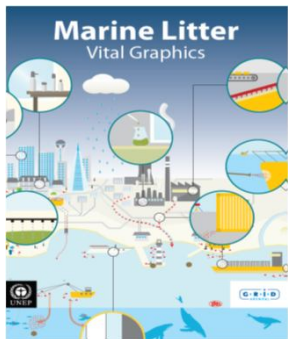
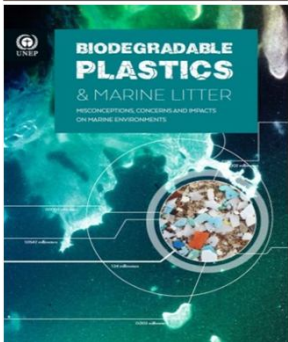
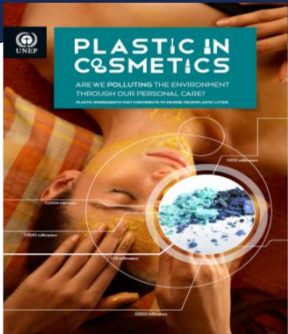
- NW Pacific Regional Node: NOWPAP & Northwest Pacific Environmental Cooperation
- Wider Caribbean Region: UNEP/CEP & Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI)
- **In the pipeline:** Mediterranean, South Pacific, Black Sea, CPPS
- National: Portugal, South Africa
(Africa Marine Waste Network – 9-13 July Conference)



Knowledge



- Marine Litter Legislation – A toolkit for Policymakers
- ALD gillnets and trammel nets - Methods to estimate ghost fishing mortality, and the status of regional monitoring and management: Microplastics in Fisheries and Aquaculture; Marking of Fishing Gear Consultations (FAO)
- Review of the Current State of Knowledge Regarding Marine Litter in Wastes Dumped at Sea Under the London Convention and Protocol; MARPOL Annex V Training Package (IMO)
- Socioeconomics of marine litter (action/non-action)
- Short papers: Alternative materials, Gender, plastic and chemicals, pros and cons of incineration



Clean Seas Campaign



- Improve plastics management (redesign, reduce)
- Global phase out non-recoverable plastics (e.g. microplastics in cosmetics)
- Reduce single-use plastics drastically
 - Global ban on plastic bags (certain thickness)
- Move towards: plastics consumed re-enter the product life cycle, i.e. generate zero waste, all plastics recyclable





Campaign Launched!



- The Clean Seas Campaign was officially launched on Thursday, 23 February in Bali, Indonesia
- 800+ articles were written about the campaign, covered in 63 countries and 19 languages
- Several countries have joined the campaign: Indonesia, France, Philippines, Norway, Belgium, Sierra Leone, Grenada, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Panama, St. Lucia and now Italy!!
- DELL joined, discussions with other businesses



At a glance



Phased campaign over 5 years

Phase 1: Educate & Engage

Institutional Engagement

Engage GPML &
Other Stakeholders

Engage Private Sector

Public Engagement

Public Engagement

Phase 2: Collaborate

Private Sector & Government
Collaboration

Public support for
Action on Plastics

Phase 3: Replicate & Scale

Industry Shift
Production

New Policy
Introduced

Mass Movements for Action Created



The Clean Seas Campaign: A Truly Global Mission

English is just the beginning! We are looking for partners to help with translation of outreach material

<https://we.tl/K1lrkRPq4q>




- The Cleans Seas Website (<http://cleanseas.org/>)
- The “TAKE ACTION!” page has a list of commitments, which anyone can join, or anyone can create an action.
- Highlight and promote existing actions/campaigns
- Upgrade ongoing e.g. maps
- Photo Challenge launching!!

I COMMIT TO...

SORT BY: MOST POPULAR NEWEST | 🔍


🔗 How does this work?



Avoiding cosmetics with microbeads

In bathroom shelves across the world lie toothpaste and facial scrubs packed with tiny plastic pieces that threaten...


Commitments 1081



Not using plastic shopping bags

As part of my commitment to get drastic with plastic, I will stop using plastic bags for shopping and use a recycled...

Commitments 378



Bringing my own cup

Each year, over 4 billion coffee cups head to landfill because the plastic lining means they cannot be recycled. I...

Commitments 234



MOOC

Second Massive Open Online Course on
Marine Litter

COMING SOON
Enrol now and start on 22nd May



<https://www.marinelittermooc.org/>

		MOOC ON MARINE LITTER			
		Getting to Know Marine Litter	Solving Marine Litter		
Leadership Track	1. Introduction	2. Management		Leadership Final Assignment	
	3. Sources, fate, modelling & monitoring	6. Sea-based sources		Expert Final Assignment	
Expert Track	4. Impacts	7. Leadership & effective strategies			
	5. Microplastics	8. Implementation: instruments & approaches			

DPSIR framework
Honolulu Strategy



Additional Activities:



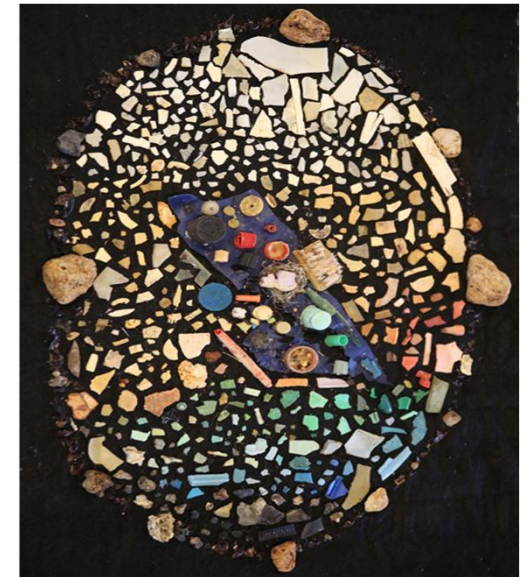
■ Innovation Challenge for Universities/private sector (June 2017)

- Engineering challenge (redesign, prevention)
- Communications challenge (raise awareness, engage)
- Prediction/recovery challenge (predict, modelling, hotspot, CSI)
- Financing and economics (generate better numbers)

■ UNEA-3 Assessment – governance frameworks and strategies - gaps

■ Plastics management strategy SIDS and Islands

■ Harmonization / standardization of methods and methodologies



6th International Marine Debris Conference (6IMDC)



- Sign up for updates!!
- Call for session proposals open



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Thank you for your attention



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www.cleaneas.org

