

Programme



“International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas”

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DAY 1 – Wednesday 10 April 2013

Chair for day 1: Heike Imhoff (German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Head of division, Protection of the Marine Environment)

11.00-13.00 Registration

13.00-14.00 Opening:

- **Address of welcome:**

Fritz Holzwarth (German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Deputy Director-General, Directorate Water Management & Marine Director)

Astrid Schomaker (European Commission, DG Environment, Head Marine Environment and Water Industry unit, DG Environment)

Jochen Flasbarth (President, German Federal Environment Agency (UBA))

- **Key note address:**

Richard Thompson (University of Plymouth)

14.00-16.00 Plenary: “State of the art” at the global and regional level regarding the issue of marine litter

- UNEP/MAP: Extent of problem/current status and Strategic Action Plan (**Maria Luisa Silva Mejias**- Executive Secretary and Coordinator Barcelona Convention)
 - OSPAR: Extent of problem/current status and development of a Regional Action Plan (**John Mouat** - Deputy Secretary, OSPAR Commission Secretariat)
 - HELCOM: Extent of problem/current status (**Monika Stankiewicz** – Executive Secretary, HELCOM Secretariat)
 - Black Sea Commission: Extent of problem/current status (**Iryna Makarenko** – Secretary, Permanent Secretariat to the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Bucharest Convention))
 - The Global Partnership on Marine Litter - Status and Future Plans (**Vincent Sweeney**, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Coordinator, Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Activities (GPA))
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program and Honolulu strategy (**Nancy Wallace** – Director, Marine Debris Program, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
 - NGO view on Rio + 20 outcome and other global and regional efforts to tackle the issue (**Fabiano Barretto** - Global Garbage)
 - Panel discussion
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16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.15 Plenary: Target setting at EU, regional and national level: How can reduction targets for marine litter help to focus measures?

- Summary by DG ENV on marine litter targets in European seas (**Leo de Vrees** - European Commission, DG Environment, policy officer marine unit)
 - Targets for litter free seas and oceans – an NGO perspective (**Monica Verbeek** – Seas at Risk, Executive Director)
 - Contribution by selected EU-Member States for on their MSFD-targets
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17.15-18.30 Breakout groups: Chairs: **Georg Hanke** (EU/JRC), **Francois Galgani** (Ifremer), **Stefanie Werner** (German Federal Environment Agency); **Leo de Vrees** (European Commission)

- Debate and brainstorm on the possibilities of setting (overall and operational) targets for different use, type of product, sources of litter

18.30 End of the day

19.00-22.00 Evening schedule: Buffet dinner provided during a boat trip with the `Alexander von Humboldt` through the historic Berlin

DAY 2 - Thursday 11 April 2013

Chair for day 2: Astrid Schomaker (European Commission, DG Environment, Head Marine Environment and Water Industry unit)

8.30-11.00 Plenary: Moving towards measures for combating marine litter

- Harvest from the breakout groups and setting the scene for the second day (**Francois Galgani** – Ifremer and the Chair)
 - Our challenge – Prevention and Management of Marine Litter (**Helge Wendenburg** - German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Head of Directorate, Water management, Waste management and Soil Protection)
 - EU policies and initiatives to combat Marine Litter (**Leo de Vrees** - European Commission, DG Environment, policy officer marine unit)
 - Activities of the EU-Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)-GES-Technical Sub-Group on Marine Litter on harmonized monitoring and assessment (**Georg Hanke** – European Commission Joint Research Centre (EU/JRC), Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Water Resources Unit)
 - The importance of society action: raising awareness and involvement of stakeholders with co-responsibility (**Joana Mira Veiga** - Coastal and Marine Union (EUCC)/Marlisco-project)
 - Findings of the EU pilot projects on how to address loopholes in plastic cycles to prevent marine litter (**Annemie Volckaert** - ARCADIS)
 - Introducing the draft “Message from Berlin”
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11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Plenary: Good Practice examples: what is done so far (to prevent and manage macro and micro litter with focus on plastics from primary and secondary sources)?

- Presentation of the Issue Paper on possible measures (**Stefanie Werner** - German Federal Environment Agency (UBA), Section Protection of the Marine Environment, Scientific Officer)

Existing measures (good practices) presented in more detail:

- No Special Fee for ship-generated waste – the Baltic Sea approach (**Mirja Ikonen** - Special Adviser, Finnish Transport Safety Agency, Regulation Department, International Relations and Cooperation Unit)
- Sustainable Waste Management on board ships: on the example of AIDAstella (**Jochen Deerberg** – Deerberg-Systems)
- Sea Surface Marine Litter Cleaning Operation in Turkey (**Songul Yavuz** – Turkish Marine Research Foundation)
- CleanAct and landfill ban (**Martin Engelmann** - Plastics Europe)
- The Irish ‘plastic bag levy’: a mechanism to reduce marine litter? (**Tom Doyle** – Coastal and Marine Research Centre, CMRC)

13.00-14.30 Lunch break

14.30-16.00 Plenary: New initiatives and commitments - success factors

In this session, stakeholders present their specific initiatives and commitments for the future. Focus is on what is needed in cooperation with others to make this initiatives work.

- Introduction to the session (**Stefanie Werner** - German Federal Environment Agency (UBA), Section Protection of the Marine Environment, Scientific Officer)

New initiatives/commitments presented in more detail:

- Fishing for Litter in Germany: an Integrated Approach (**Kim Detloff** – Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) and **Helmut Schmitz** – Dual System, Germany)
- Sailing towards a “Guardians of the Sea” horizon: CETMAR actions in marine litter with the fishing industry (**Xan Amoedo Lueiro** - Centro Tecnológico del Mar (CETMAR))
- Embracing opportunities for recycling marine litter for the production of High Quality Products: the Healthy Seas, a Journey from Waste To Wear Initiative (**Mike Mannaart** – Coastal and Marine Union (EUCC))
- Carrier bag campaigns in the UK (**Sue Kinsey** - Marine Conservation Society)
- Microbead Campaign/Ban of microplastics in products (**Jeroen Dagevos & Maria Westerbos** - Stichting Noordzee & Plastic Soup Foundation)

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.30 Breakout groups: specifying the way ahead for (existing or upcoming) Regional Action Plans

Chairs: OSPAR: **Lex Oosterbaan** (Chair of EIHA Committee of OSPAR); HELCOM: **Samuli Korpinen** (Project Manager, HELCOM Secretariat) & **Mikhail Durkin** (Professional Secretary, HELCOM Secretariat); BSC: **Irina Makarenko** (Secretary, Black Sea Commission Permanent Secretariat); UNEP/MAP: **Maria Luisa Silva Mejias** (Executive Secretary and Coordinator Barcelona Convention)

- Specification of the “steps ahead” regarding the Regional Action Plans to combat Marine Litter based on the Issue Paper questions

18.30 End of the day

19.00-22.00 Evening schedule

Plenary:

- Short introduction to the movies and the speed presentations approach
- Movie screening:
 - 1) Ultimate destination ocean
 - 2) Presentation and trailer of dance performance “Blue”

Finger food break

2 parallel sessions - Speed presentations: Five minute presentations on possible actions and measures by attendees

DAY 3 – Friday 12 April 2013

Chair for day 3: Jochen Flasbarth –German Federal Environment Agency (UBA), President

8.30-10.00 Plenary: Presentation of the way ahead for the four regional action plans

- Each of the regions presents the way ahead for establishing or implementing their action plan
 - The way forward for finalizing the issue paper (**Stefanie Werner** - German Federal Environment Agency (UBA), Section Protection of the Marine Environment, Scientific Officer)
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10.00-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-10.40 Presentation of the Message from Berlin, wrap up of the conference and further outlook (**Jochen Flasbarth** – German Federal Environment Agency (UBA), President)

10.40-12.00 Panel statements and discussion

- **Peter Altmaier** - German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
 - **Janez Potočnik** - European Commissioner for the Environment, European Commission
 - **Fergus O'Dowd** - Irish Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, EU presidency
 - **Matthias Groote** – Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
 - **Jacqueline Alder** - United Nations Environment Programme, Coordinator of the UNEP Fresh Water and Marine Ecosystems Branch
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12.00 Closure of conference and farewell

[12.00-13.00: press conference by panel members]