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## Session 2 Report Back: OSPAR-Group

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## Introduction:

- More than 60 participants, 7 CPs
- Good plenary discussions
- No yellow/red cards needed!
- Exciting scoring exercise and overwhelming result
- Step 1 to 3 sufficiently covered
- Still work to do on step 4



## OSPAR Step 1 (Sources - Amounts - Gaps):

- General agreement with items and sources
- Household waste - better definition, e.g. solid, municipal or even sewage waste
- Update with new data from OSPAR/Cefas (beach and seafloor) → other items/sources more important?
  - possibly add plastic bags as item
- Add impacts on environment (including population or ecosystem level effect) to balance with impacts on socio-economy
- Take more account of local/regional variation
- Use reference based statements and facts



## OSPAR Step 2 (possible operational targets):

- General agreement
- What does ‘significantly’ mean? Why not putting a figure on it, e.g. 25 or 50 %?
- Change: Precautionary principle **should** be interpreted ...
- Include examples for targets on sources
- Consider targets on specific items
- Make targets SMART



## OSPAR Step 2 ( possible operational targets):

### Rewording of examples targets:

- Reduce packaging waste on shores significantly in comparison to average monitoring results by 2020
- Reduce litter from fisheries and aquaculture (e.g. ropes and nets) on shores...
- Make sure that sewage related (or riverine) litter does no increase...
- Proposal for shipping target:
  - Yearly increase of litter delivered to PRF



## OSPAR Step 3 (measures & actions):

- 15 new actions/measures added to list
- Consider subregional measures
- Consider actions on specific items
- Focus on measures close to source
- Consider also pathways
  
- → scoring of actions/measures...



## OSPAR Step 3 (measures & actions):

- Enforcement and control of international legislation
  - All sectors
  - Shipping: Port State Control, Coastguard
- Improved waste management, including increased recycling rates and phasing out landfilling (of PW)
- Ban/tax on single use bags (or other items)
  - Taxes into environmental fund
- Elimination/Change of certain products on market
  - Sustainable production and extended producer responsibility
  - Lifecycle analysis for new materials/items/activities should include ML



## OSPAR Step 3 (measures & actions):

- Deposit refund systems for specific items, e.g. drink container, nets
- Education and outreach (all sectors)
- Harmonised fee system for PRF
  - E.g. compulsory implementation of no-special-fee-system
- Incentives for responsible behaviour (land and sea based)/Disincentive for littering
- Fishing for litter





## OSPAR Step 3 (measures & actions):

- Increased knowledge
  - Riverine litter
  - microplastics



## OSPAR Next steps:

- Future Evaluation of the Measure's Effectiveness (Step 4)
- Define level of implementation
- Are these measures related to MSFD?
- What is under OSPAR remit?
- EIHA, CoG and OSPAR for further elaboration
- Workshop ICG Marine Litter end 2013?