



# Global Partnership on Marine Litter

## Why a GPML?

The overall objective of the GPML is to protect human health and the environment by the reduction and management of marine litter. Specific objectives include:

- To reduce the impacts of marine litter worldwide on economies, ecosystems and human health.
- To enhance international cooperation and coordination through the promotion and implementation of the Honolulu Strategy - a global framework for the prevention and management of marine debris, as well as the Honolulu Commitment – a multi-stakeholder pledge.
- To promote knowledge management, information sharing and monitoring of progress on the implementation of the Honolulu Strategy.
- To promote resource efficiency and economic development through waste prevention (e.g. 4Rs -reduce, re-use, recycle and re-design) and by recovering valuable material and/or energy from waste.
- To increase awareness on sources of marine litter, their fate and impacts.
- To assess emerging issues related to the fate and potential influence of marine litter, including (micro) plastics uptake in the food web and associated transfer of pollutants.

## The online Marine Litter Network

The online Marine Litter Network is a web-based tool designed to track progress on the implementation of the Honolulu Strategy. Users will be able to:

- Make a commitment to take action;
- Find and share projects and resources that support the Honolulu Strategy,
- Interact with others through a discussion forum; and
- Track progress on the implementation of the Honolulu Strategy.



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## How will it work?

The GPML is supportive of the Global Partnership on Waste Management. It will be guided by the Honolulu Strategy and work as a “coordinating forum” for all stakeholders working in the area of marine litter prevention and management, to complement efforts, avoid duplication and optimize resource use.

As the GPML is guided by the Honolulu Strategy the current focal areas are:

- Goal A: Reduced levels and impacts of land-based litter and solid waste introduced into the aquatic environment;
- Goal B: Reduced levels and impact of sea-based sources of marine debris including solid waste, lost cargo, ALDFG, and abandoned vessels introduced into the aquatic environment;
- Goal C: Reduced levels and impacts of (accumulated) marine debris on shorelines, aquatic habitats, and biodiversity.

Other focal areas may be added in future

The first global partnership forum will be held during the Second Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections, 2-4 October 2013, in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

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