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Fishing for Litter: cleaner seas, safer fishing

1st CleanAtlantic workshop

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Fishing
For Litter

What is Fishing for Litter?

A simple, effective initiative that aims to reduce marine litter through involvement of key stakeholders – the fishing industry, ports and harbours



Objectives

- ❖ Reduce marine litter from the marine environment through physical removal
- ❖ Raise awareness of social, economic and ecological impacts of marine litter among fishers and within the fishing industry
- ❖ Change waste management processes within the fishing industry

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How does it work?



- ❖ Participation is voluntary
- ❖ Boats are issued with large hard-wearing bags
- ❖ Fishers collect marine litter caught in nets during normal fishing activity
- ❖ Bags are deposited on the quayside at the designated site
- ❖ Waste is removed and disposed of by a waste management company or local authority
- ❖ No cost to the fishermen

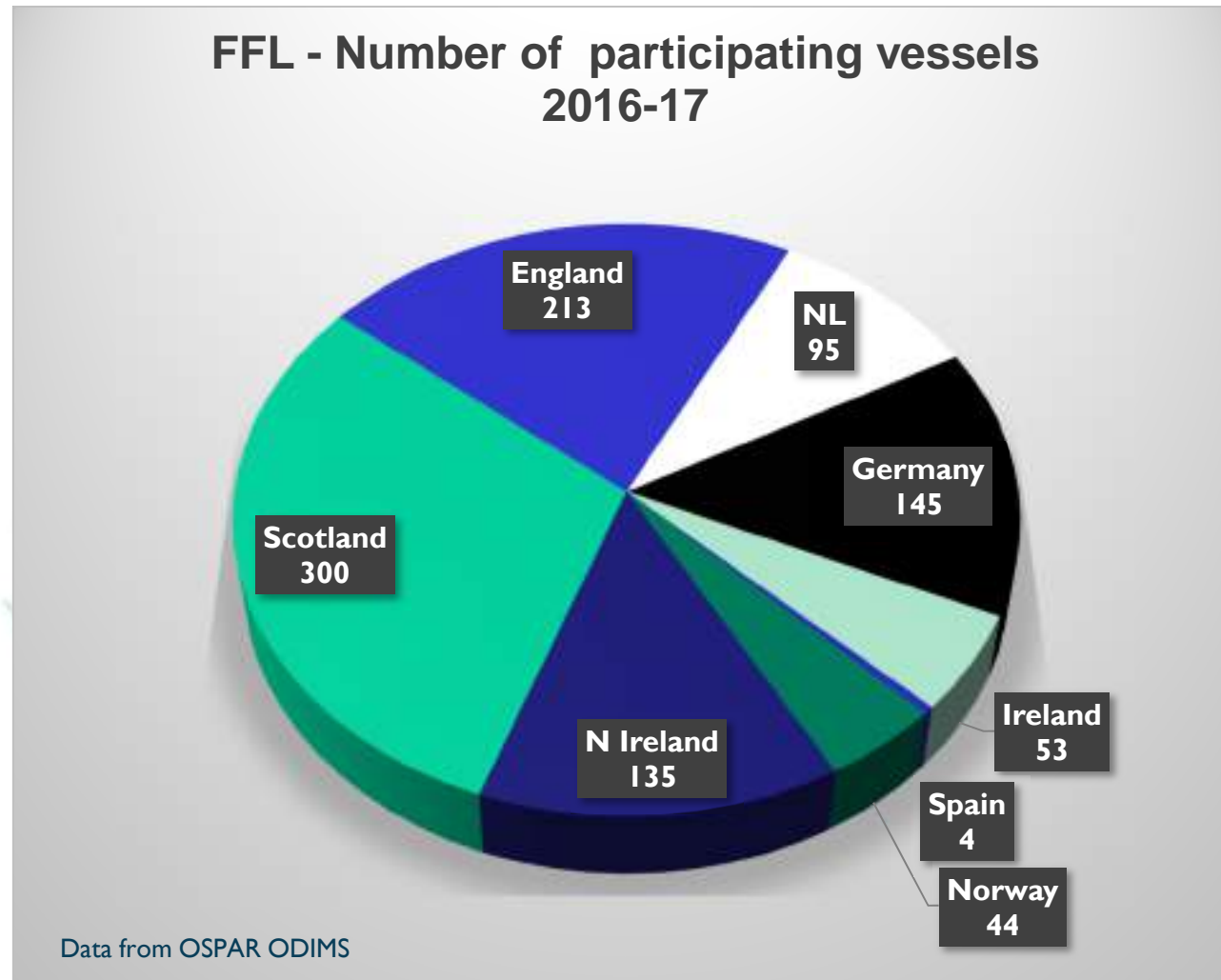
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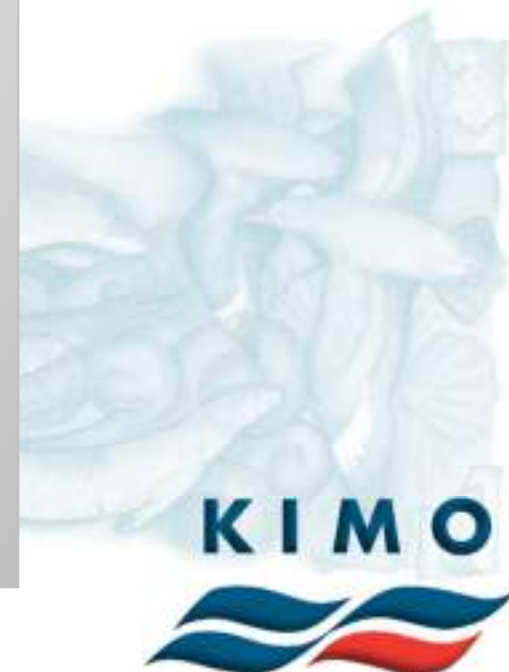
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KIMO currently runs schemes in Scotland, England and NL



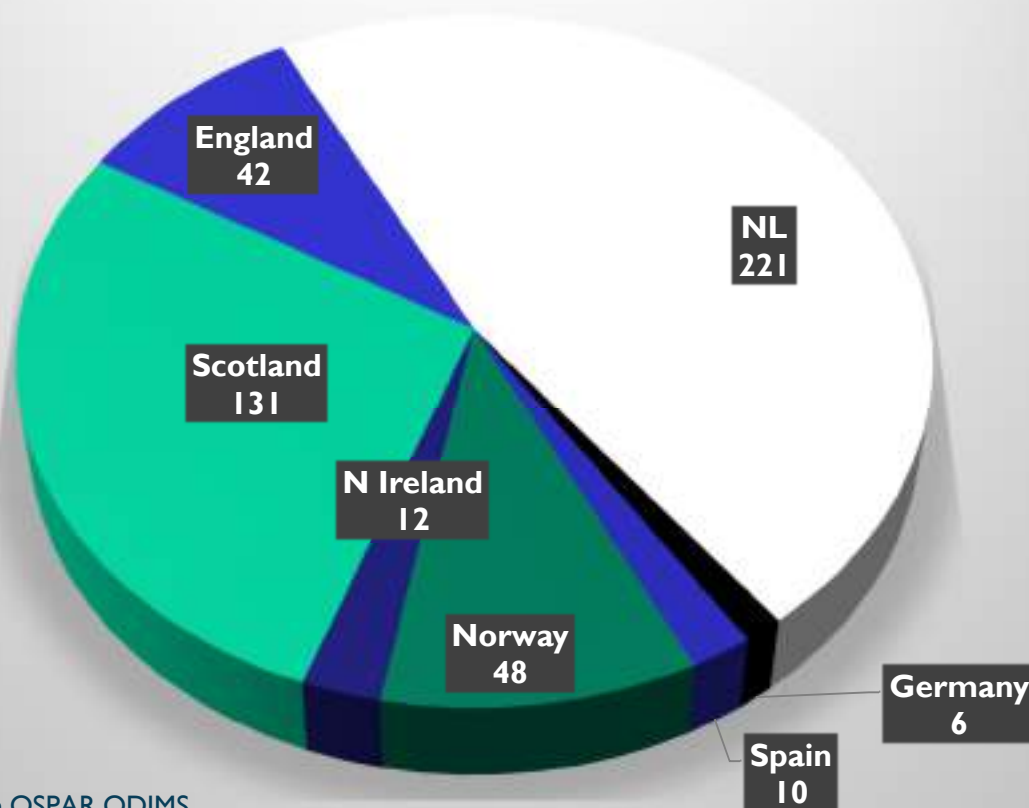
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FFL - Tonnes of waste removed
from the ocean 2016-17



Data from OSPAR ODIMS

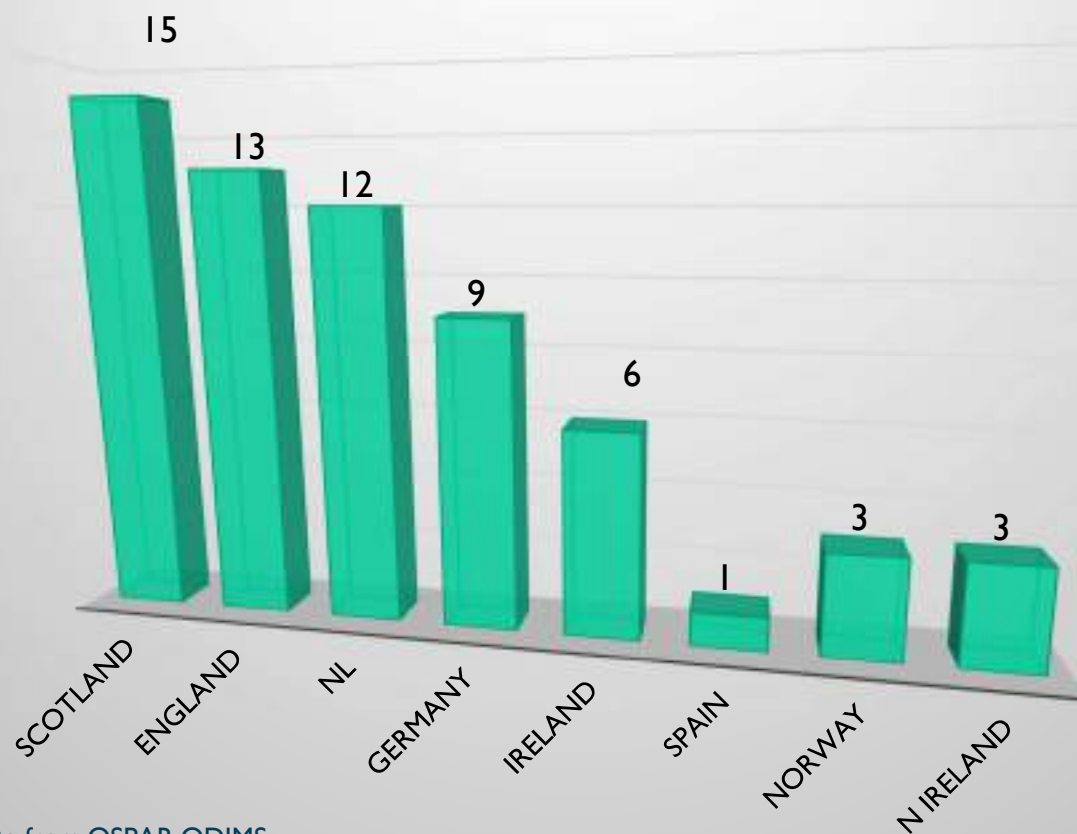
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FFL - Number of participating harbours
2016-17



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Policy context



- ❖ KIMO's FfL initiatives piloted in the Netherlands as part of the Save the North Sea Interreg IIIb project (2002-2004)
- ❖ Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2010) incorporates removal of passively-fished waste (GES Descriptor 10)
- ❖ Marine Litter Regional Action Plans for OSPAR (2014) and HELCOM (2015) promote implementation of new/additional FfL projects in member countries
- ❖ EU Port Reception Facilities Directive revision (2018) indicates continuing role for FfL projects in education and awareness-raising within the fishing industry
- ❖ European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy (2018) confirms continuation of financial support for FfL projects

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Municipalities working together for Sustainable Seas

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