



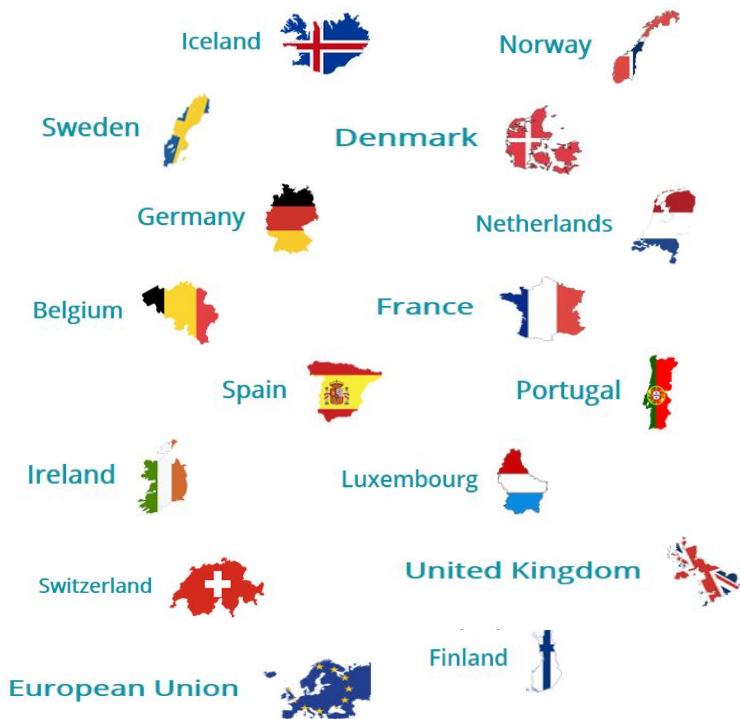
Regional coordination to tackle marine litter in the North-East Atlantic

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What is OSPAR and who is involved?



OSPAR Maritime Area and Regions:

Region I: Arctic Waters

Region II: Greater North Sea

Region III: Celtic Seas

Region IV: Bay of Biscay / Iberian Coast

Region V: Wider Atlantic

The OSPAR Convention and Marine Litter

Articles 3 and 5 and Annexes I and III require Contracting Parties to take, **individually and jointly**, all possible steps to prevent and eliminate pollution from land-based and from offshore sources in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;

Annex V on the protection and conservation of the ecosystems and biological diversity of the maritime area makes it a duty of the OSPAR Commission to draw up programmes and measures for the control of the human activities identified by the application of the criteria in Appendix 3;



Marine litter: a key strategic objective for the North East Atlantic

Prevent inputs of and significantly reduce marine litter, including microplastics, in the marine environment to reach levels that do not cause adverse impacts to the marine and coastal environment with the ultimate aim of eliminating inputs of litter.

8 Operational objectives



How we cooperate: ICG-ML

Experts nominated by the Contracting Parties

Meet 2 per year (virtual/ in person)

Report to the EIHA Committee



The first RAP: 2014-2021

Country led

23 national actions

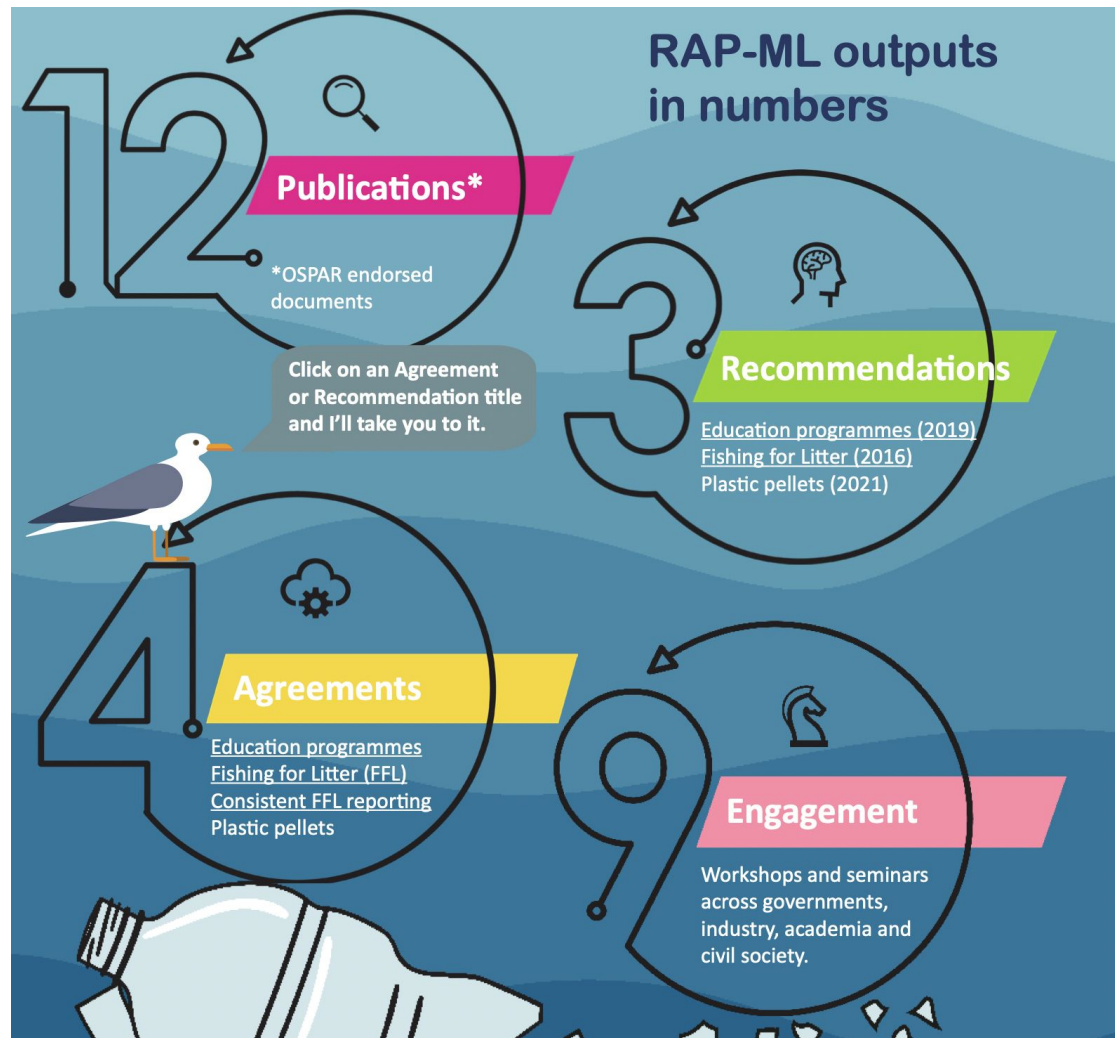
32 collective actions

Sea based sources

Land based sources

Education, outreach & awareness

Completed June 2021



Clean atlantic contributions to RAP 1

**ACTION 36: FISHING
INDUSTRY BEST
PRACTICES**

**ACTION 48:
ENVIRONMENTAL
HARM FROM
COMMON MARINE
LITTER ITEMS**

**ACTION 54: GOOD
CLEANING
PRACTICES AND
TECHNOLOGIES**

**ACTION 55:
HOTSPOTS OF
FLOATING LITTER**

**ACTION 44: SINGLE
USE PLASTIC BAGS**

**ACTION 53: FISHING
FOR LITTER**

**ACTION 56:
ABANDONED, LOST,
DISCARDED FISHING
GEAR - SNAGGING
SITES AND HISTORIC
DUMPING GROUNDS**

**ACTION 59: GOOD
PRACTICE DATABASE**

2nd Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter (RAP ML 2) 2022 - 2030

Contributes to the Strategic and operational objectives of the NEAES

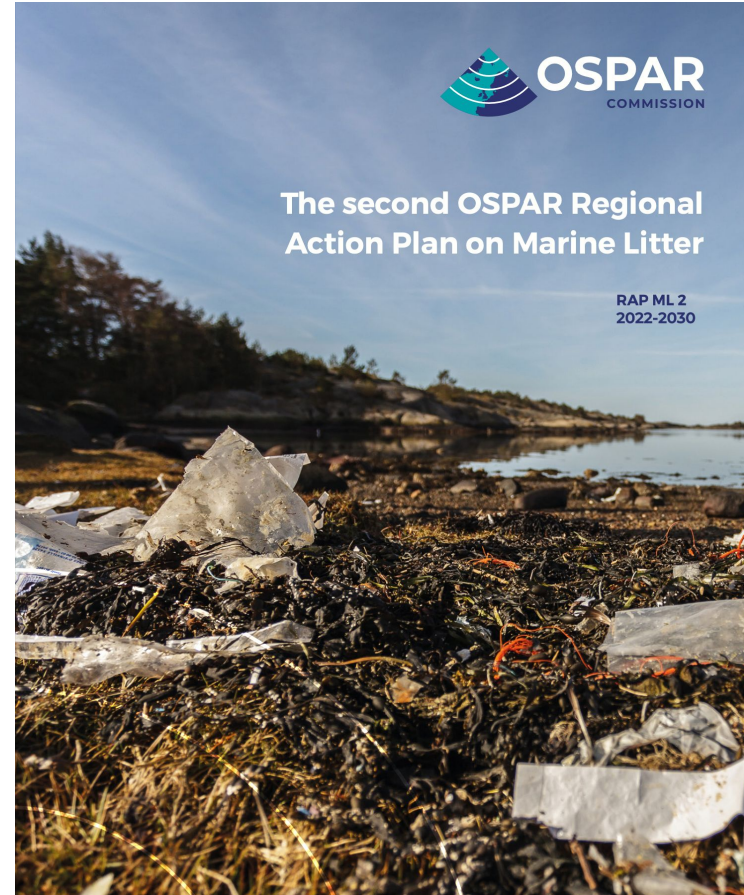
Flexible adaptive plan

Lead country approach

Focus on collective actions

Initial set of 25 actions

- Where OSPAR can add value
- Targets top items; harmful items
- Fills gaps in evidence, policy and/or implementation



The 2nd Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter

Land based

Input from rivers (developing harmonized monitoring)

Microplastics

Inputs from coastal municipalities and cities

Contamination from artificial grass

Biocarriers and litter from wastewater treatment

Single use plastics

Polystyrene

Seabased

Provision and use of Port Reception Facilities

End of life recreational vessels

ALDFG

Reducing impact of net cuttings and dolly rope

Awareness and education in the fishing sector

Litter from aquaculture

Entanglement of sea turtles

Cross cutting

Microplastic pollution from pellets, flakes and powder loss

Understanding how floating litter accumulates

Bridging monitoring and policy action

Harm from marine litter

3 key areas of action
25 Actions with detailed plans
23 with confirmed leads

Contributions from Clean Atlantic to RAP 2

Adopted actions

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| C.2.1 | Understand the location of litter accumulations | Portugal & Spain With support from the CleanAtlantic project | Sandra Moutinho Jesus Gago/Patricia Perez |
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Potential future actions

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| X.X.X | Addressing the harm caused by cigarette butts | | To be discussed |
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Contributions OSPAR QSR assessments



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