

# Mediterranean Marine Litter Management Regional Plan implementation

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# MLRP: Drivers and Background

## External:

*GPA&UNEP/Regional Seas*

*Manila Declaration*

*Rio+20 target on ML*

*EU MSFD, OSPAR, HELCOM*

## Within UNEP/MAP

- *LBS Protocol- key instrument*
- *Prevention and Emergency Protocol*
- *Offshore and Dumping protocols*
- *First Med regional measures in 1991:*
  - Focus on monitoring and awareness
- *Three regional assessment; the most recent in 2009*
- *ML Strategic Framework for Marine Litter, COP 17, 2012*
- *ECAP: ML Ecological and operational objective, COP 17*
- *MLMRP, COP 18, 2013*
  - Work Plan adopted
  - List of priority research topics (33)
  - Reporting Elements
  - Indicative Cost of measures



## Objectives

<i>Prevent</i>	ML Generation
<i>Reduce</i>	to the minimum ML and its impacts
<i>Remove</i>	to the extent possible existing ML
<i>Manage</i>	ML in accordance with accepted international and regional standards and approaches
<i>Enhance</i>	knowledge on sources, impacts and measures

**Ultimate target: towards achieving GES**

## Measures (entry into force 8 July 2014)

*Pollution  
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SCP tools  
Existing  
Targets  
Reporting  
Cooperation*

Control  
Prevention Measures  
Widely agreed  
ML removal  
Measure Implementation  
Clear Obligations  
Partnership with Stakeholders  
(national and regional levels)

*Implementation  
Timetables*

Per each measure  
Flexibility to take into account  
country specificities (NAPs)

## Prevention: Innovative measures:

- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Sustainable Procurement Policies
- Fiscal and economic instruments to promote the reduction of plastic bag
- Agreements with Plastic Packaging
- Deposits, Return and Restoration System
- Agreements with retailers/supermarkets to set reduction objective
- Gear marking to indicate ownership 'reduced ghost catches (use of environmental neutral upon degradation of nets, pots and traps')
- Procedures and manufacturing methodologies with plastic industry to minimize the decomposition characteristics of plastic, to reduce micro-plastic.



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## Incentive and other collaborative measures

- No-special-fee approach where appropriate
- Fishing for Litter system
- Compulsory national programmes/removal of existing marine litter and disposal
- National Beach Cleanup Campaigns
- International Coastal Cleanup Campaigns
- Adopt-a-Beach practices



## Enhanced integrated solid WM measures

- By 2025: ISWM for agglomerations of 20 000 or more inhabitants
- By 2020: Illegal land dumpsites closure
- By 2020: Adequate urban sewer, WWTP, and WWMS to prevent run-off and litter riverine inputs
- By 2020: Cost effective measures to prevent any littering from dredging activities

Enforcement measures to combat dumping including

- a) littering on the beach,*
- b) illegal sewage disposal in the sea, coastal zone and rivers.*

# ML Assessment & Monitoring & Research

- Assess status of ML every 6 years
- Regional Monitoring Programme by 2015
- ML Regional Data bank by 2016
- National ML Monitoring Programme by 2016
- 33 Research topics identified to:
  1. *Improve knowledge gap*
  1. *Support implementation of measures*



# Implementation MLRP: The way forward

- Focus on key national priorities (updated NAPs) but measures to be implemented in a coherent manner
- Promoting prevention measures through the application of sustainable lifestyles, production and consumption at both public and producer levels
- Harmonized marine litter monitoring across the countries and regions as appropriate
- All stakeholders involved: government, local authorities, producers, NGOs, sectors, research
- GPA /ML global forum, collaboration among RS; common guidelines/tools where appropriate
- Towards a ML common baseline and reduction target

## Implementation Actions 2014-2015

- NAPs update to address MLRP measures; NAP update Guidelines adopted
- ML RP implementation indicators ( 3-4)
- ML Monitoring Monitoring guidance developed in synergy with UNEP and MSFD TG on ML work
- Assessment of national monitoring needs, 2015
- MED Hot spots list update to consider ML where appropriate
- H2020/EU Adriatic Ionian Strategy: ML top priority
- Preparing or supporting ML projects
- Update of ML assessment update/Fishing for litter best practices/guidelines

## Implementation actions 2014-2015

- Synergy with H2020 ( Training)
- Marlisco projects best practices (in Arabic)
- Roadmap to implement MLRP (Partner consultation)
- Bilateral Coordination with Ospar and Helcom ( France and Spain leadership)
- Review of State of art of existing specific/sectorial guidelines related to ML
- Fishgear Project in the Adriatic!

THANK YOU