

Summary of the WS RAP ML 5- 2020

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HELCOM Rec. 23/5

- **Update of the HELCOM Recommendation on storm water management (HELCOM Rec. 23/5):** the draft was supported by the Workshop with minor corrections that have been submitted to PRESSURE 13-2020 - document 4-2 Rev. 1.

ALDFG

- **Best practice guide to reduce inputs of cuttings of nets and cord to the marine environment (RS5):**
 - the WS recommends PRESSURE 13-2020 endorsing the publication of the guide in the HELCOM website;
 - the publication will be considered as accomplishment of the action (RS5) in relation to cutting nets;
 - dissemination of the best practices (the guide) was proposed to be included as a national action in the revised Action Plan;
 - WWF Poland and KIMO offered to compile available information from the further work on remaining action RS5 as part of the revision process of the Action Plan.
- **Prioritized actions to address ALDFG** were proposed for inclusion in the revised Action Plan (Annex 2 to the WS's Outcome).
- **Actions on this topic in the current Action Plan** are to be revisited (RS6, RS7, RS10, RS11 and RS12) in line with the prioritized actions.

New proposals for the RAP ML

- **Agreement to include in the updated Action Plan two new actions:**
 - Development of common guidelines for crisis management in the event of major accidental spills of plastic pellets from ships (WS's document 4-2), probably expanding its scope; and
 - Investigate the possibilities to phase out fishing lure containing soft plastic (WS's document 4-3) to be considered in combination with actions related to ALDFG;
- Five actions to reduce single-use plastics (WS's document 4-8) were supported for inclusion as **voluntary national actions** in the revised Action Plan.

Planning the RAP ML revision

The workshop was of the view that due to lack of resources producing the initial draft of the revised RAP ML by HOD 59-2020 was not possible.

The WS proposed the following provisional plan for the RAP ML revision:

1. Further work on those regional **actions where relative progress** has been achieved based on the WS's outcome (Annex 3)
2. Finalize reporting on the implementation of **national actions** – by **7 December 2020**
Countries are to provide information via a template including proposals for revision
3. Finalize update of the implementation of **regional actions** – by **7 December 2020**
Follow up table is utilised including proposals for revision.
4. Countries **nominate representatives** to the RAP ML drafting group – **by**
5. The Secretariat will compile available information by **18 December 2020** and circulate to the drafting group.
6. The drafting group meets online in **January 2021** (two days meeting in the week of 18-24 January 2021, exact dates tbc)
7. Further drafting continues via correspondence, being the first draft presented to PRESSURE 14-2021.
8. Endorsement by HOD 60-2021.
9. Adoption of the revised Action Plan in October 2021.

Thank you!

