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Background

MARELITT Baltic project's focus is to reduce the impact of marine litter in the form of derelict fishing gear in the Baltic Sea. Derelict fishing gear, often referred to as "ghost nets", is a global issue but not many are aware of the problem and its consequences. MARELITT Baltic is the first transnational initiative working specifically with the problem and will result in far-reaching proposals for minimizing the problem and an enhanced international readiness to act.

The first international conference of the MARELITT Baltic project will be held 1st December in Malmö, Sweden with focus on derelict fishing gear in the Baltic Sea and on how the MARELITT Baltic project will highlight and work with the problem.

This document contains the invitation and agenda for the upcoming MARELITT Baltic stakeholders conference.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

MARELITT Baltic

1st December
HOTEL SAVOY, MALMÖ, SWEDEN
09:30 – 17:00

We invite you to take part in the first international conference of the MARELITT Baltic project. The project's focus is to reduce the impact of marine litter in the form of derelict fishing gear in the Baltic Sea.

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Welcome the 1st December to an inspiring day in Malmö, Sweden with focus on derelict fishing gear in the Baltic Sea and on how the MARELITT Baltic project will highlight and work with the problem. Meet partners in the project, fisheries organizations, NGOs, authorities and policy makers to share your views and discuss the problem and solutions.

Lunch, coffee and refreshments will be served during the day.

If you are interested to participate please send an e-mail to marelittbaltic@hsr.se.

A more detailed program for the conference is coming soon.

Welcome!

MARELITT Baltic 2016 -2019 is an EU-funded project with the aim to reduce the impact of derelict fishing gear in the Baltic Sea. Marine Centre, Simrishamn leads the three-year project in which organizations from Sweden, Estonia, Finland, Germany and Poland participates. The project budget is 3,5 million euro, of which 75 percent is financed by the EU (INTERREG Baltic Sea program).

MARELITT Baltic 1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

1st DECEMBER
HOTEL SAVOY, MALMÖ, SWEDEN

09:30 – 17:00

MODERATOR: FOLKE RYDÉN

AGENDA

- 09.30 – 10.00** **Registration and coffee**
- 10.00 – 10.30** **Welcome and introduction by Vesa Tschernij, project manager MARELITT Baltic and Folke Rydén, moderator and Swedish journalist and filmmaker.**
- 10.30–11.50** **1st session: Derelict Fishing Gear**
We address the problem with Derelict Fishing Gear. What is it and why is it a problem? How does it occur and what has been done in the Baltic Sea. The session ends with Q & A and a panel discussion.
Speakers: to be confirmed
- 11.50 – 13.00** **Lunch**
- 13.00 – 15.00** **2nd session: MARELITT Baltic - the project**
An in depth presentation of the project and the responsible project group. What is the need for the project? How will the project achieve the results? A presentation of what has been done so far in the project.
The session ends with Q & A and a panel discussion.
Speakers: Vesa Tschernij, Marine Centre Simrishamn. Marta Kalinowska, WWF Poland. Andrea Stolte, WWF Germany. Marek Press, Keep Estonian Sea Tidy.

Derelict Fishing Gear – an transnational problem
Speaker: to be confirmed
- 15.00 – 15.30** **Coffe break**
- 15.30 – 17.00** **3rd session: Present and future – the state on the Derelict Fishing Gear issue**
How can the international community implement the result of MARELITT Baltic? Listen to two different views on the problem from a national and international level.

What is being done now in the Baltic Sea and other areas? We present an example from Smögen, Sweden.
The session ends with Q & A and a panel discussion.
Speakers: to be confirmed
- 17.00** **Summary of the day**

Please note that the agenda is continually updated.