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Background

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This national action will contribute to action RS1 of the RAP on ML on “Development of best practice on the disposal of old pleasure boats”.

Action requested

The Workshop is invited to take note of the information provided.

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Today, there is no system for producer responsibility for recreational boats. Responsibility for disposal rests with the last owner. Of the approximately 900 000 recreational boats in Sweden over 100 000 are 40 years or older. The number of unseaworthy are estimated to 62 000 and the number of abandoned scrap boats to around 2 000. There are 25 places for recycling of recreational boats in Sweden and each year are only a few hundred boats recycled.

With this initiative, we hope that more boat owners become aware of the environmental impact of old scrap boats and hopefully more are recycled even in the future.

The company Båtskroten AB (Boat junkyard AB) at Muskö in Stockholm has, through a tender, commissioned to perform service for the Swedish Agency of marine and water management's behalf. They must inform the recreational boat owners in Sweden about the possibility of recycling for a subsidised price and also offer a model to retrieve the scrap boats. The boats scrapped shall be recycled and, in some cases, the company will also examine if there are residues of toxic antifouling paints.

-The two million SEK earmarked for recycling of recreational boats are included in the Swedish Government's effort to reduce littering of plastic in our oceans. We hope that as many people as possible will take the opportunity to recycle their recreational boats during this fall. The company that received the mission will also work closely with the national network Båttretur.se. The goal is to make it easy to get help with the entire process to recycle old recreational boats but also to develop more efficient processes for the recycle of recreational boats.

The offer is valid as long as the money lasts, until 31th of December 2018.

[Link to Båttretu.se](#)

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