

Roadmap for the implementation of collective actions within the Recommendations for the protection and conservation of OSPAR listed Species and Habitats 2017-2025

Action sheet 18

Action 18	In the context of Article 4 of Annex V of the Convention and in line with the common understanding (OSPAR 13/13), draw to the attention of relevant competent organisations instances where entanglement and ingestion of marine Litter and ADLFG constitute a threat to relevant species and where appropriate encourage those organisations to take appropriate measures
Participants	ICG-ML supported by France
Plan:	<p>1. This action applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leatherback turtle, loggerhead turtle, leafscale gulper shark, Portuguese dogfish, blue whale, bowhead whale, Northern right whale, and all other species that are vulnerable to harm of ingestion or entanglement. - All OSPAR regions <p>2. Contribute to the implementation of the existing OSPAR marine litter indicators, as well as to the development of new indicators related to the entanglement and ingestion of marine litter and ADLFG, by collecting evidence of ingestion/entanglement through the OSPAR common indicators on fulmars and turtles and a thematic assessment on marine litter, to be developed as part of the QSR 2023 [an opportunity to see what evidence there is of impacts on all the T&D species];</p> <p>3. Communication of indicator assessment and QSR findings to interested organisations, including through the Collective Arrangement;</p> <p>4. Develop synthesis overview of harm from marine litter [as described in revised JAMP product B1];</p> <p>5. Actions to reduce marine litter in the OSPAR maritime area should be implemented through the RAP-ML, with particular relevance of actions on best practice in fishing, removal actions, reduction of ALDFG (actions 36, 53, 54, 55, 56,</p>

	<p>57).</p> <p>6. Include within the terms of reference of ICG-ML expert group on harm, reference to the following actions (involving BDC experts as appropriate):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Collect evidence of instances of entanglement/ingestion/ALDFG; b. Make use of the Scoping Document produced within the scope of Action 26, as a basis to approach Competent Authorities, encouraging the taking of appropriate measures aiming to prevent or reduce impacts of entanglement and ingestion of marine litter, pollution, collision and by-catch of turtles and marine mammals.
Timeline	2021 Indicator Assessment (beach litter, fulmars, seabed, turtles), thematic assessment 2022, QSR 2023
Events	Presence in external <i>fora</i> (relevant and competent organizations meetings)
Links to other actions	Link to all actions relevant to entanglement and ingestion of marine Litter and ADLFG: actions 15, 24, 26, 38
Added value of action by OSPAR	<p>Part of this action is taken forward through the implementation of the RAP-ML</p> <p>Part of this action is taken forward through the monitoring of marine litter indicators</p> <p>OSPAR has relevant contacts and MOUs, such as through the Collective Arrangement and through coordination mechanisms with other RSCs</p>
Resources	<p>Contacting Parties resources to perform the monitoring of marine litter indicators</p> <p>Producing the assessments</p> <p>Financial resources to participate in external <i>fora</i> (relevant and competent organizations meetings)</p>
Barrier to progress	The task group efficiency on the encouragement of other bodies relies on the acceptance of those organizations to take appropriate measures
Stakeholders to engage	<p>Marine wildlife experts (mammals, sharks, turtles, birds, etc.) – academic, stranding network, health centres, etc.</p> <p>Any national or international fora that could undertake actions on human activities and/or marine wildlife conservation (NEAFC, EU, ICES, CMS, NATO, IMO, NGOs, etc.)</p> <p>Industry representatives</p> <p>National and local authorities</p> <p>All initiatives dealing with entanglement and ingestion of marine litter, and ADLFG</p>
Other Competent Authorities:	<p>Regional Sea Conventions (HELCOM, Barcelona Convention)</p> <p>ICES</p> <p>CMS, CITES, European Union</p> <p>IMO</p> <p>UNCLOS</p> <p>National fisheries authorities and RFMOs (NEAFC, NATO, etc.)</p>
Product(s):	Indicator Assessments, marine litter thematic asseQSR 2023
References	