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# RAP ML 1: 2014-2021

Country led

23 national actions

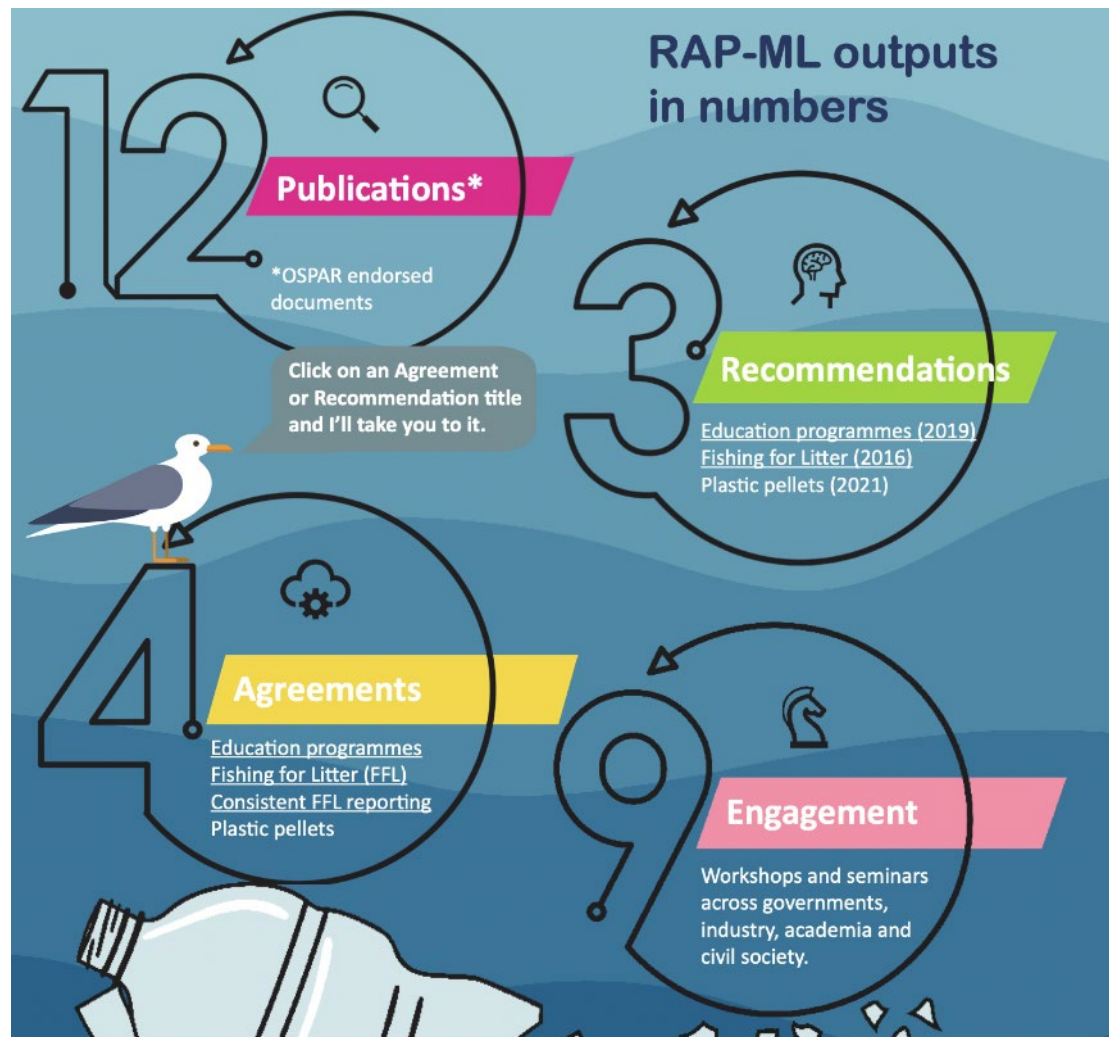
32 collective actions

Sea based sources

Land based sources

Education, outreach & awareness

Completed June 2021







## NEAES 2030

### Strategic Objective 4

Prevent inputs of and significantly reduce marine litter, including microplastics, in the marine environment to reach levels that do not cause adverse impacts to the marine and coastal environment with the ultimate aim of eliminating inputs of litter.

8 Operational objectives



## The RAP ML 2 also aims at achieving:

- Enhanced knowledge and awareness on ML
- Support Contracting Parties in developing their programmes for litter reduction, including those related to the EU's Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
- Develop management tools and harmonised monitoring for ML
- Contribute to the development and implementation of the future international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including marine litter agreed at the 5th session of the UNEA

# Introducing the 2nd Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter (RAP ML 2)

Responds to the strategic and operational objectives of the NEAES

25 actions - with detailed plans

- Focus where OSPAR can add value
- Targets top items; harmful items
- Fills gaps in evidence, policy and/or implementation
- Flexible adaptive plan; Lead country approach
- Focus on collective actions

Land based

Seabased

Cross cutting

# The 2nd Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter / Land based actions

- Input from rivers
- Microplastics
- Inputs from coastal municipalities and cities
- Contamination from artificial grass
- Biocarriers and litter from wastewater treatment
- Single use plastics
- Polystyrene





# The 2nd Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter / Sea based actions

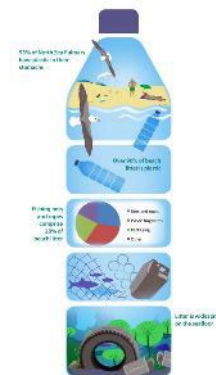
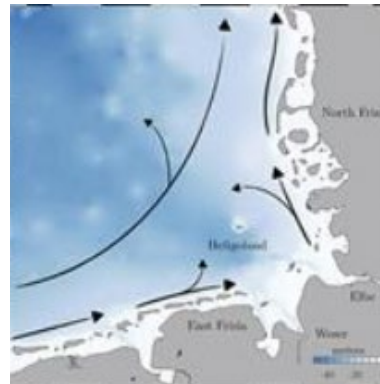
- Provision and use of Port Reception Facilities
- End of life recreational vessels
- ALDFG
- Net cuttings and dolly rope
- Awareness and education in the fishing sector
- Litter from aquaculture
- Entanglement of sea turtles





# The 2nd Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter / 4 cross-cutting actions

- Microplastic pollution from pellets, flakes and powder loss
- Understanding how floating litter accumulates
- Bridging monitoring and policy action
- Harm from marine litter



# No time to waste... Implementation is underway

## Prevent the release of Biocarriers

(SE, FR, with support from SAR).

- Guidance
- Recommendations
- Alternatives



Photo: C. Lomas

Underway....

## Monitor, prevent & reduce riverine litter

(BE, FR, NL, support from DE & SAR).

- Best practice
- Coherence
- Potential measures



Underway....

## Follow up

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