

# MSFD GES Technical Subgroup on Marine Litter (TSG ML)

Agreed Next Steps after First Meeting 4th November 2010, Copenhagen

The kick-off meeting of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive Technical Subgroup on Marine Litter (TSG ML) has been held in Copenhagen, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010. As a main outcome of the meeting, the basic approach and tasks of the group in 2011 have been defined, in accordance with the mandate (Terms of Reference for the Technical Subgroup on Underwater Noise and Marine Litter - Version 5 October 2010) for the group.

The activity of the group will focus on:

- a) Developing a toolbox with applicable monitoring/quantification methods
- b) Developing a roadmap for the further MSFD Descriptor 10 implementation

Below you will find a list of the tasks together with preliminary allocation of expertise of TSG ML members. The persons allocated to the different tasks will be taking the lead for the different tasks, while all group members will be involved in the contribution to each task. A contact person (already proposed persons are underlined, please inform us if changes are necessary) for each task will facilitate communication.

We like to invite **group members who have not been present during the first meeting to comment and add their names to the task list**. For task 5 + 8 contact persons have not yet been identified. If additional expertise is required, then specific persons will be contacted.

Here the list of task with experts who volunteered, or are proposed to be contact person for the respective task:

1. Available data and methodologies (Henna Piha, Georg Hanke, Seba Sheavly, Paula Sobral)
2. Beach - Marine Litter Toolbox elements (Lex Oosterbaan, Chris Carroll, David Fleet, George Kamizoulis, Susan Kinsey, Thomas Maes, Seba Sheavly, Paula Sobral)
3. Water column & surface - Marine Litter Toolbox elements (Thomas Maes, David Fleet, Francois Galgani, Georg Hanke)
4. Seafloor - Marine Litter Toolbox elements (Francois Galgani, Stelios Katsanavakis, Thomas Maes, John Mouat, *Marine Conservation Society (Name?)*)
5. Biota - Marine Litter Toolbox elements (John Mouat, Kim Detloff, Henna Piha, Violeta Velikova, Stefanie Werner)
6. Microplastics (Richard Thompson, Jeroen Dagevos, Francois Galgani, John Mouat, Seba Sheavly, Paula Sobral, Bo Svård, Stefanie Werner)
7. Objectives and targets (Stefanie Werner, Carly Brooks, Chris Carroll, Kim Detloff, George Kamizoulis, Mary Meacle, Lex Oosterbaan, Joana Veiga)
8. Sources (John Mouat, Georg Hanke, George Kamizoulis, Thomas Maes, Seba Sheavly, Bo Svård, Joana Veiga)
9. Reporting and data treatment (ICES, George Kamizoulis) NEW proposed task
10. Research needs (Francois Galgani, Thomas Maes, Richard Thompson).

Please **check the current task list** and identify if there are areas of expertise which have not been covered yet. Note that all group members will contribute to all tasks in the process, just that persons listed under the tasks will take the lead.

TSG Marine Litter chair (Francois Galgani) and co-chairs (Georg Hanke, Stefanie Werner) will coordinate the work together with Henna Piha. It was agreed that Circa

([http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/env/marine/library?l=/implementation\\_coordinat/technical\\_subgroup&vm=detailed&sb=Title](http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/env/marine/library?l=/implementation_coordinat/technical_subgroup&vm=detailed&sb=Title)) will be the way to communicate deliverables (final versions and intermediate products) of the group to MS and stakeholders. JRC will upload such documents (please send to [henna.piha@jrc.ec.europa.eu](mailto:henna.piha@jrc.ec.europa.eu), cc: [georg.hanke@jrc.ec.europa.eu](mailto:georg.hanke@jrc.ec.europa.eu)).

We are planning to use a web-base communication tool for collaboration and compiling of information and will send soon further information on that.

Please **prepare the submitting of information about available data and methodologies** for marine litter monitoring. JRC will contact you in order to compile that information via the web communication tool. We will then also contact you with more detailed information on how to proceed with the tasks.

Attached you will find an updated list of TSG ML members and their contact details. Participants to the group are those that have been nominated by MS but additional contacts will be made within tasks. Please **check if the information is correct**.

The ICES/MedPol/BlackSea Commission/JRC report from the workshop on Marine Litter held from 2.-4.11.2011 in Copenhagen is attached. The importance of the issue of Marine Litter has been further emphasised by a workshop held on 8.11.2010 in Bruxelles:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/marine/pollution.htm#workshop> .

The second TSG ML meeting will be held in Calvi, Corsica 18.-20.04.2011. All information will be given later for arrangements, but to get a taste of the location, please see <http://www.stareso.com>.

Please send us your feedback on the Next Steps until 10.1.2011.

Best regards

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