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ACTION POINTS

MSFD Technical Group Marine Litter

2023 Second Annual Meeting

15. December 2023

9:00-13:00

Friday, December 15th

9:00 **1 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE MEETING**
TG ML Chairs

9:05 **2 POLICY UPDATE INCL. GLOBAL TREATY**
Michail Papadoyannakis DG ENV

Action point: DG ENV to provide links to the policy information shared during the meeting, through the TG ML Wiki.

9:15 **3 GUIDANCE ON THE MONITORING OF MARINE LITTER**
Publication and dissemination

Action point: TG ML members to disseminate and implement of the MSFD Guidance on the Monitoring of Marine Litter in European Seas (follow up of the dissemination and implementation processes in the next TG ML meeting 2024).
Action point: JRC, in collaboration with Cedre, will publish in January 2024 a questionnaire for Member States on the implementation of the mesolitter fragments and pellets protocol, and share the link in the TG ML Wiki.

09:30 **4 COASTLINE LITTER TRENDS IN EU 2015-2021**
Dataset, Calculation Options, Finalisation, Output format (incl. Zero Pollution Action Plan)

Action point: TG ML to discuss a possible date for annual data reporting (e.g. 1 year delay).
Action point: Member States to check and provide data delivery for 2022 (non urgency).
Action point: JRC and the University of Wageningen to prepare the analysis and share the info in the TG ML wiki. JRC to organise a dedicated Coastline litter trend workshop in February 2024.

5 SEAFLOOR MACRO LITTER MONITORING COMBINED APPROACH

10:15	MSCG mandate, 'Seafloor Macrolitter Imaging and Quantification Workshop 2023', shallow seafloor monitoring, protocol development, draft JRC dataset, EMODnet database

Action point: TG ML to actively contribute to online discussions on TG ML wiki regarding trawling data.
Action point: JRC to organise a dedicated meeting on Seafloor trawling macro litter baseline at the beginning of February 2024.
Action point: TG ML members are kindly invited to start shallow seafloor litter monitoring and to provide data through FML website.
Action point: Member States are kindly invited to provide available data from seafloor macro litter imaging surveys to JRC (until 16.2.2024). JRC to organise and ad-hoc expert meeting in March 2024.
Action point: TG ML members to review the data manual with EMODnet
Action point: TG ML to start the discussion on methodological developments for the imaging based monitoring with the experts.

10:45   **6 MEGALITTER + GHOSTNETS**
Methodologies, Baselines, Collaborations

Action point: To consider megalitter + ghostnets in the TG ML Work Programme 2024-2027 and to set up a dedicated discussion thread in the TG MLWiki.
Action point: TG ML members are kindly invited to provide all materials related to megalitter + ghostnets in a new dedicated discussion thread on the TG ML Wiki (31.1.2024).

11:00	*Coffee-break*

11:10   **7 FLOATING MACRO LITTER BASELINES**
Status of FLM App testing, publication, monitoring implementation, MS test cases, baseline development

Action point: Member States are kindly invited to start monitoring of floating macro litter in selected areas.
Action point: JRC to provide a wiki support tool for FLM implementation. Preparation of App publication in 2024.

11:30   **8 FLOATING MICROLITTER DATASET**
Data collection and coverage, initial analyses by JRC, next steps

Action point: Member States are kindly invited to actively participate in planning the further data analysis.
Action point: Member States are kindly invited to provide additional data on floating microlitter via their NODCs to EMODnet.

11:50   **9 MICROLITTER POSITION PAPER**
Drafting kick-off, topics, collaboration with JPI Oceans projects, participation

Action point: Member States are kindly invited to actively contribute, through TG ML Wiki, to the drafting of the Position Paper. Finalisation planned before the end of 2024.

12:10   **10 MARINE LITTER MEASURES (BRIEF)**
Next steps

Action point: TG ML to comment the next version of the Marine Litter Measures scheme, once a new draft is provided.

12:20   **11 TG ML WORK PROGRAMME 2024-2027**
Work items and priorities, incl. process for current work items (review of Joint List),

MSFD Reporting 2024
TG ML Chairs + DG ENV + all

Action point: Member States are kindly invited to actively contribute, through TG ML, to the revision of the Joint List of Litter Categories and to confirm the implementation of the list in their monitoring schemes.

Action point: TG ML members are kindly invited to provide comments, through the TG ML Wiki, on the TG ML Work Programme 2024-2027 by the end of January 2024

12:45 **12 NEXT STEPS AND ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES**
Meeting 2024
TG ML Chairs

Action point: Member States are kindly invited to prepare for attending the 2024 TG ML annual meeting in Valencia (Spain).

13:00 *End of the TG ML meeting*