

## Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)

*Common Implementation Strategy*19<sup>th</sup> Online meeting of the **Technical Group on Marine Litter (TG ML)****09:00-12:00, Tuesday 13 December 2022**

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## ACTION POINTS OF THE MEETING

This document provides the action points agreed during the second annual meeting of the MSFD TG ML in 2022.

### Agenda item 3: MARINE LITTER THRESHOLD VALUE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Seabed Litter Baseline and TV setting method
  - JRC to arrange a dedicated Seabed Trawling Macro Litter meeting in January to continue the development of baselines and TV
  - The co-chair urged MS to collaborate for developing Seabed Macro litter TV by the next MSCG meeting.
- Floating Microlitter Dataset Analysis
  - JRC to start the data analysis and development of baselines. Data availability is limited and requires a thorough analysis of their comparability before the actual data analysis.
  - MS were urged to collaborate for developing Floating Microlitter TV by the end of the year 2023.
- Baseline Floating Macro Litter
  - The co-chair invited TG ML members to test the JRC Floating Litter Monitoring FLM App. Applications to be sent to the functional mailbox: [JRC-FloatingLitterMonitoring@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-FloatingLitterMonitoring@ec.europa.eu)
  - JRC to initiate the data set analysis and development of baselines for floating macro litter at the beginning of autumn 2023, based on data assumed to be generated through the FLM app.
  - The co-chair urged, and called for the collaboration of MS, to develop Floating Macro litter TV by the end of the year 2023.
- Coastline Litter Trend Analysis
  - JRC to convene a meeting with the core group in mid-end January to continue the data analysis with the complete coastline dataset in order to derive trends and to support the setting of intermediate targets.

### Agenda item 5: GUIDANCE FOR THE MONITORING OF MARINE LITTER

- The co-chair asked for contribution to the development of the 'effort of monitoring section' on each of individual chapters of the guidance.

- JRC and the intro core group to finalise the intro and general chapters by mid-January. The JRC underlined the need for the intro core group to proceed in drafting the introduction and general chapters, as agreed during the first meeting of the intro core group.

**Agenda item 6: GUIDANCE CHAPTER FINALISATIONS**

- JRC to provide a microlitter survey draft on still open questions to the microlitter core group, which then will be distributed widely.
- JRC and the microlitter chapter core group to arrange a dedicated meeting in January to finalise the microlitter chapter guidance.
- JRC to create a new thread on mesolitter and pellets monitoring guidance in the TG ML wiki.
- France and Netherlands to provide information on pellets monitoring and to involve TG ML for a finalisation of the protocol.
- JRC and the TG ML microlitter core group to finalise the first complete draft of the Microlitter position paper and the microlitter chapter of the guidance for discussion before end of January.
- JRC has started the compilation of the last version of the individual chapter, JRC and individual chapter core groups to finalise the guidance document by the end of January.

**Agenda item 7: ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES AND NEXT STEPS**

- JRC to provide a survey to TG ML members to collect information on technical authentication problems to access the TG ML wiki.
- The TG ML chairs proposed moving the next annual TG ML meeting from the end of June to May and kindly asked the TG ML members to propose a potential meeting place.
- The TG ML chairs thanked the TG ML members for their attendance and wished all participants Happy Christmas and a good start into the New Year.

## Annex I: List of participants.

		Organisation / Ministry
<b>Member States</b>		
BE	Belgium	Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain and Environment
BE	Belgium	Royal Belgium Institute of Natural Science
CY	Cyprus	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Fisheries & Marine Research (DFMR)
DE	Germany	Federal Environment Agency (UBA)
DE	Germany	University of Hamburg
DK	Denmark	Aarhus University
DK	Denmark	Danish Ministry of the Environment and Food
EL	Greece	Hellenic Center for Marine Research (HCMR)
EE	Estonia	Tallinn University of Technology – TalTech Department of Marine Systems
ES	Spain	CEDEX, Center of Studies for Harbours and Coasts
ES	Spain	Institute of Oceanography-Spanish National Research Council (IEO-CSIC)
FI	Finland	Finnish Environment Institute – Marine Research Centre (SYKE)
FR	France	CEDRE
FR	France	Ministry for Sustainable Environment
IT	Italy	Italian Institute for Marine Protection and Research (ISPRA)
NL	The Netherlands	Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment (RWS)
PT	Portugal	Agência Portuguesa de Transporte Marítimo de Curta Distância, Short Sea Promotion Center Portugal (APA-SPC)
PT	Portugal	Direção Geral de Recursos Naturais, Segurança e Serviços Marítimo (DGRM)
PT	Portugal	Portuguese Institute for Sea and Atmosphere
SI	Slovenia	Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia (IzVRS)
SE	Sweden	Swedish Agency for Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)
<b>International organisations and stakeholders</b>		
RSC	HELCOM	Helsinki Commission Secretariat
RSC	OSPAR	The Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
RSC	MAP	MAP MEDPOL
<b>European Commission, European Environment Agency, European Topic Centre, Consultants</b>		
EC	EC DG ENV.C.2	European Commission, DG Environment, Unit C.2 Marine Environment & Water
EC	EC DG JRC.D.2	European Commission, DG JRC, Unit D.2 Ocean & Water
EMODnet	EMODnet	European Marine Observation and Data Network – Chemistry module
UCA	UCA	University of Cadiz
WUR	WUR	Wageningen University