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*Protecting and conserving
the North-East Atlantic
and its resources*



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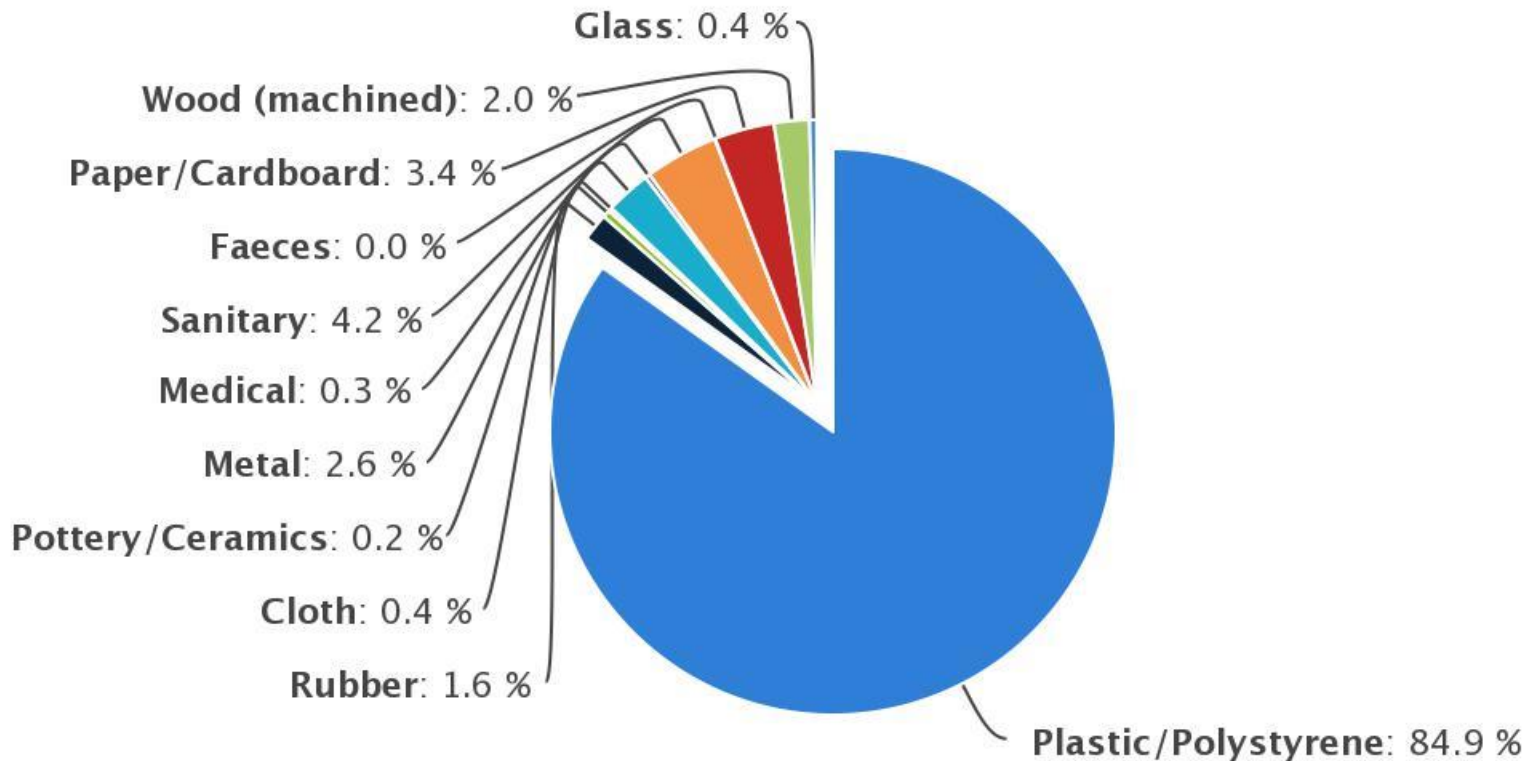
The OSPAR Marine litter RAP:

Coordinating action to
address marine litter in the
North-East Atlantic

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Material types

Survey type: 100m Year: 2014 Number of surveys: 78
Country: All Region: All Beach: All



We *note* that quantities of litter in many areas of the North-East Atlantic are unacceptable, and therefore we *will continue* to develop reduction measures and targets, taking into consideration an ambitious target resulting in a reduction in 2020



It's a bit of a Tangle



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16 Contracting Parties

- Belgium
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Luxembourg
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- The United Kingdom
- European Union



OSPAR Maritime Area and Regions:

Region I: Arctic Waters

Region II: Greater North Sea

Region III: Celtic Seas

Region IV: Bay of Biscay/Iberian Coast

Region V: Wider Atlantic

OSPAR Convention

Main Objectives

- Prevent and eliminate pollution
- protect the maritime area against the adverse effects of human activities
- safeguard human health and conserve marine ecosystems
- when practicable, restore marine areas

Guiding Principles

- Ecosystem Approach
- Precautionary Principle
- Polluter Pays principle
- Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices

The North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy

Part I: Implementing the Ecosystem Approach

Part II: Thematic Strategies

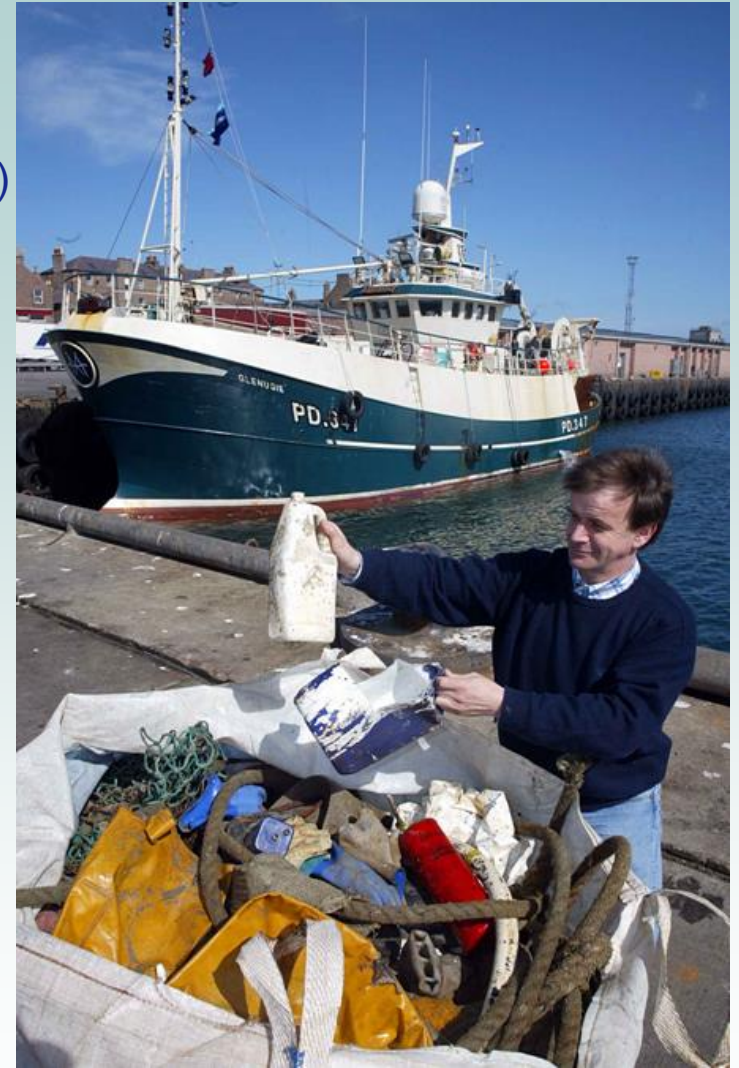
- Biological Diversity and Ecosystems
- Eutrophication
- Hazardous Substances
- Offshore Oil and Gas Industry
- Radioactive Substances



Human activities

Assessment and management:

- Fisheries (no OSPAR measures)
- Shipping (preference for IMO to take measures)
- Dumping and Dredging
- Offshore renewable energy
- Oil and gas exploration
- Coastal defence and other structures
- Cables and pipelines
- Artificial reefs
- Land reclamation
- Sand and gravel extraction
- Tourism
- Mariculture
- **Marine litter**
- Underwater noise
- Dumped munitions
- Deep sea mineral extraction



OSPAR Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter

SECTION 1: objectives, scope, principles and approaches

SECTION 2 – actions to be implemented

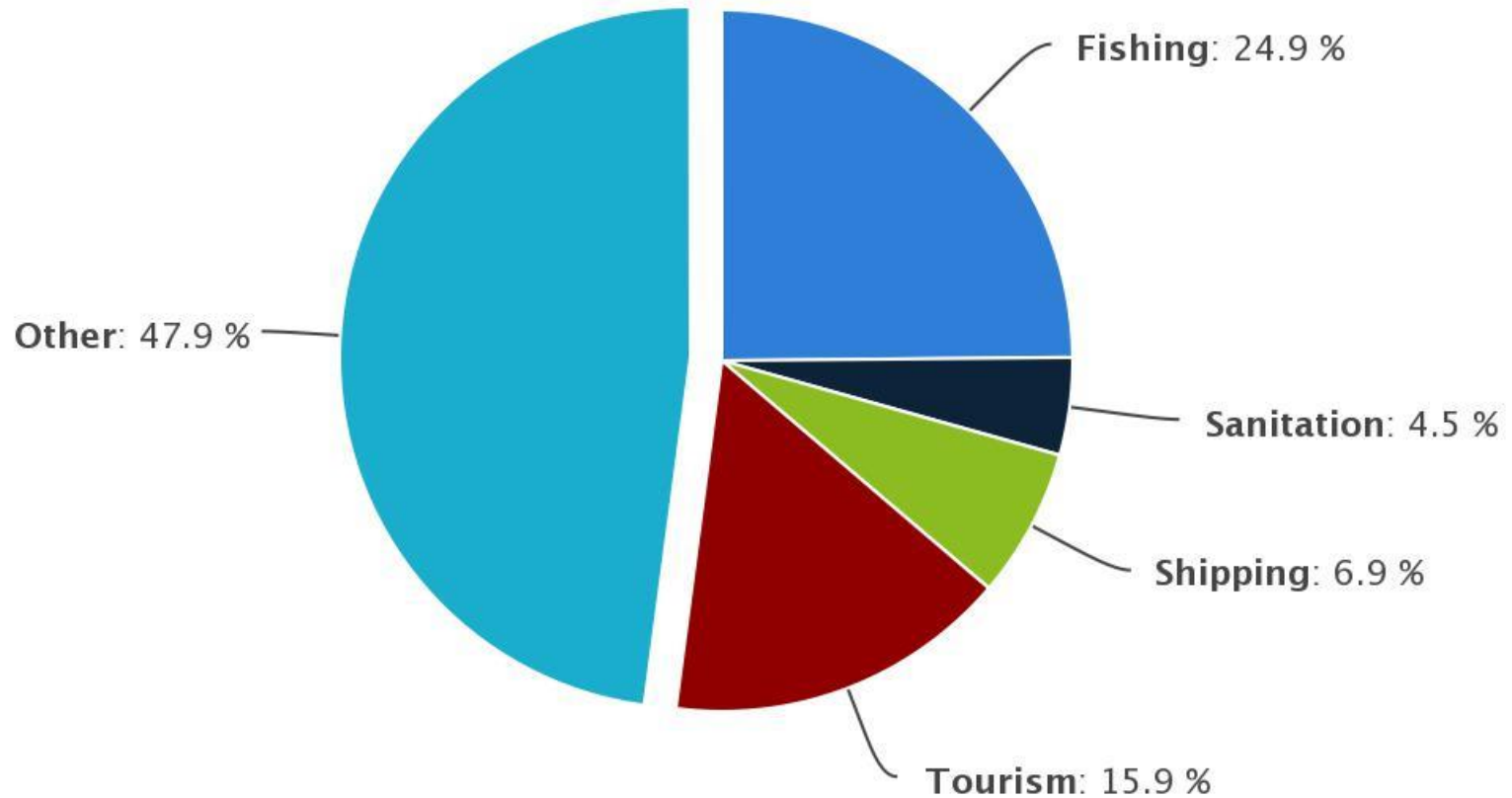
SECTION 3 – monitoring and assessment

SECTION 4 – implementation plan



Sources

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■ Fishing ■ Sanitation ■ Shipping ■ Tourism ■ Other

OSPAR Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter

- OSPAR common actions
- OSPAR to raise to other competent bodies
- National Actions
- Monitoring and assessment
- Implementation Plan






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Welcome to the OSPAR Commission, protecting and conserving the North-East Atlantic and its resources

The OSPAR Convention is the current legal instrument guiding international cooperation on the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic. Work under the Convention is managed by the OSPAR Commission, made up of representatives of the Governments of 15 Contracting Parties and the European Commission, representing the European Union.

Future Meetings

COREBAM: 1 October 2014 - 1 October 2014, Gothenburg, Sweden
Joint meeting of HELCOM CORESET II and OSPAR ICG-COBAM

ICG-COBAM(2) 2014: 2 October 2014 - 3 October 2014, Gothenburg, Sweden
Interseasonal Correspondence Group on the Coordination of Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring

WS-RAP-ML: 9 October 2014 - 9 October 2014, The Hague, The Netherlands
Workshop on the Implementation of the OSPAR Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter

ICG-ML 2014: 11 November 2014 - 12 November 2014, Vigo, Spain
12th Meeting of the Interseasonal Correspondence Group on Marine Litter (ICG-ML)

Marine Litter - Regional Action Plan



Assessment sheets & Fact sheets



Marine Protected Areas Webtool



QUALITY STATUS REPORT 2010



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OSPAR Working Structure

