Mediterranean Marine Litter Management Regional Plan

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Drivers and Background

Global level

- Manila Declaration/GPA, 2012
- Honolulu Commitment
- Rio+20 target on ML

Mediterranean legal and policy context

- Barcelona Convention & LBS Protocol

- Prevention and Emergency, Dumping, Offshore Protocols

- COP 7 1991: First measures on ML

- COP 17, 2012:

  » *ML Strategic Framework*
  » *Ecological Objective on ML based on ECAP*

- COP 18: Regional Plan measures and timeframes

Other Regional Developments

- EU MSFD, NOWAP, OSPAR and HELCOM

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Marine Litter Management Regional Plan Objectives

- *Prevent*   ML Generation

- *Reduce*   to the minimum ML and its impacts

- *Remove*   to the extent possible existing ML

- *Manage*   ML in line with accepted standards

- *Enhance*   knowledge on sources, impacts

Final result: to achieve GES

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Marine Litter Management RP
Key Measures

- *Pollution* Control

- *Pollution* Prevention Measures

- *SCP tools* Widely agreed

- *Existing* ML removal

- *Targets* Time bound

- *Cooperation* Partnership with Stakeholders

- Implementation Timetables and Flexibility

- Reporting Periodic

Package of Innovative measures

- Extended Producer Responsibility

- Sustainable Procurement Policies

- Fiscal and economic instruments

- Deposits, Return and Restoration System

- Agreements with retailers to set ML reduction objective

- Promote plastic industry to minimize the decomposition characteristics of plastic

- No-special-fee approach where appropriate

- Fishing for Litter system/Compulsory national programmes on the removal of existing ML

- Adopt-a-Beach practices

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Enhanced Integrated Solid Waste management measures

By 2020:

- Close illegal land dumpsites

- Prevent ML from dredging activities

- Ensure Adequate urban sewer and WWTP

- Take enforcement measures to combat

    - *littering on the beach*

    - *illegal sewage disposal in the sea, coastal zone and rivers.*