



Feedback on the Estonian monitoring programme and the programme of measures

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Outline of the presentation:

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Norwegian approach to

Marine protected areas

Underwater noise

Marine litter



Feedback on the Estonian MFSD programme

- Generally, the Estonian Marine Strategy programme and the new proposed measures is feasible and provides severe improvements on the basis of sound scientific knowledge and expertise !
- Your experts have certainly conducted a very high quality activity!
- Those measures will certainly complement the already developed programme which are although with some lacking issues on a high international standard and become more in line with international activities within the last years.



Feedback on the newly developed Estonian programme

- From time to time the ambition of the programme of measures is quite high in view of establishing the aimed changes in quite a short time frame for reaching the GES in 2018/2020
- It is important to continue with the activities also after this project now is coming to an end.
- the continuation of the established programe and the improvement that is proposed as well as the incorporation of the new measures is not conducted and supported financially by itself
- It was challenging with only little english material available to effectively contribute to the improvement of the programme. Latest the newly developed measures provided, seem to be not consistent with what was presented today
- So, in case you will welcome the feedback of the international community also in future, it would be helpful to improve the programme descriptive information that is available



Feedback on the newly developed Estonian programme

- 1.Protected Marine Areas
 - Plan to establish at least two protected areas by 2020
 - Ambitious plan taken into account the activities to be conducted until establishment
 - The plan is missing to formulate an aim for the extend of the Protected Marine Area
 - Out from the formulation it remains difficult to examine, whether you would like to establish an MPA with the international specifications
- - 2. The ringed seal protection plan
 For the english description it remains desireable to make the relation between this measure and the Protected Marine Area measure more clear



Feedback II

- 3.Aquaculture
 - This measure deals with a very importan subject and is necessary to ensure the limitation of the environmental impact on wild living ressources in the aquacultural regions.
 - Also here the aim to implement the measure is an ambitious plan taken into account the activities to be conducted until establishment in 2020



Feedback III

- 4. Non indigious species
 - The recommendation for that measure is to extend the information to the shipping sector and also to the general public, maybe via flyers that are distributed at the same time as size limits for recreational fishing is distributed
- 5.Implementation of the Ballast Water Convention
- 6.Catch limitation
 - Both measures are timely, especially the introduction of catch limitation may have a large positive impact when the measure is effective.
 - Maybe closing of especially vulnerable spawning areas should be considered
 - The Mean Maximum length indicator for the different species seem to be questionable

Feedback IV

- 9. Marking fishing gear
- 10. LNG as ship fuel
- 11. Reduction of dumping untreated wastewater from ships into the sea
- 12. Treatment of stormwater before release into sea
- All the measures reduce the impacton the environment and are fully supported to be established without change



Feedback V

- 7.Use of low value fish
 - The incorporation of support for developing higher level products from low value fish (cosmetics etc) seems to be recommendable.
- 8.Optimising fishing capacities This measure has had a quite succesful application in terms of recovering of the pelagic and demersal fish species in the North Sea region where now the most of the species are at the limit reference points after halving the fishing pressure and so fishing on F_{MSY}



Feedback VI

- - 13.Control of impact by ship-generated waves
 That is surely an important issue, but nevertheless it remains unclear for an foreigner whether it is worth being part of the content of the Marine Strategy measures programme
 - 14. Improving marine pollution control capability
 - This measure deals with an very important issue of technical infrastructure limiting the potential hazardous impacts of accidents and is necessary to be implemented
 - - 15. Control of bunkering environmental risks
 Important for the avoidance of harm for the Nature near bunkering.
 - Is the financial support implemented in the actual budget?

Feedback VII

- - 16. Action plan on marine litter reception
 Important measure. It is especially welcomed that it is desireable to incorporate the aim for establishment of a common standard
- 17. Information dissemination and preventive activity related to marine litter
- 18 Marine litter chapter of the Waste Management Plan
 Both important measures to be incorporated into the
 - management plans!
- 19. Establishment of an impulsive sound register
 Important measure to improve knowledge on the impact of underwater noise on ressources. Recommended to be incorporated without changes.
 - Impulsive noise should be avoided when important species are spawning

Feedback VII

- Facing that the nature is actual subject to change caused by Changing Climate it is recommended to include meausres dealing with this issue
- Some measures are more expensive by its nature, so it seem to be unfair to use socioeconomic impact studies, where the more costintensive measures are declining in their score at least what is understand from the information given



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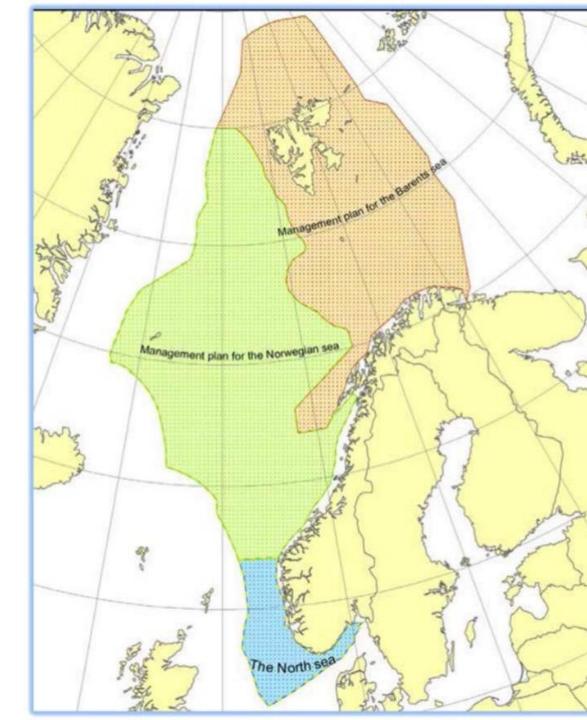
Marine litter



- Norway has not implemented the MSFD
 - Nor is Norway bound to do so.
 - However Norway has since 2002 worked on developing holistic management plans, with an indicator based monitoring program for its marine areas.
 - Developed management plans for the three Norwegian areas
 - The Barents Sea and the Lofoten area (first version adopted by the Norwegian Parliament in 2006, updated 2010),
 - The Norwegian Sea (adopted by parliament in 2009, scheduled update 2015) and
 - The North Sea and Skagerrak (adopted by parliament in 2013).
 - A lot of figures taken from the management plan for the

presentation

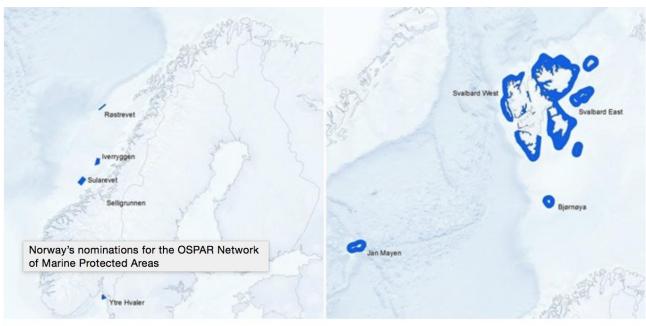
The Norwegian management plan areas





Marine Protected Areas OSPAR

a total of 282 sites nominated total area of 476 198 km². territorial waters, 276 sites area of 189 128 km² Rest of 6 area of 287 070 km²: four under split jurisdiction and two in areas beyond national jurisdiction.



OSPAR's goal was to achieve an ecologically coherent network of well-managed Marine Protected Areas by 2015. This has not yet been achieved.

Norway's nominations for the OSPAR Network of Marine Protected Areas

2005 36 Norwegian areas considered Total area 84898 km²

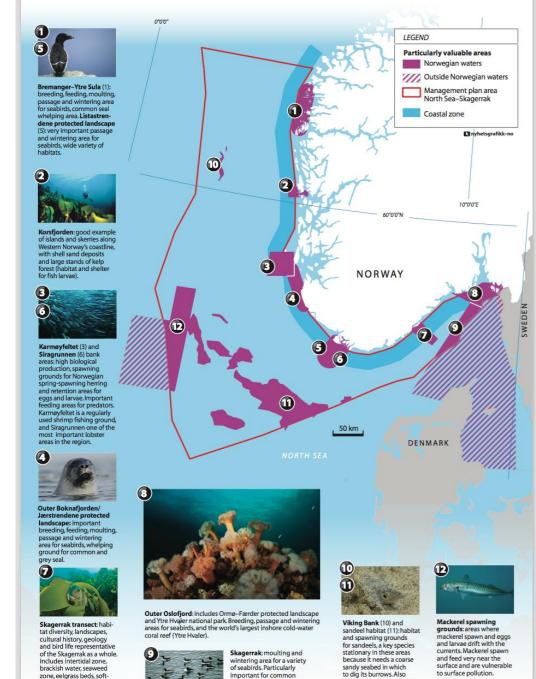
Svalbard and Bjørnøya Coral reef complexes Ytre Hvaler Jan Mayen

Particularly vulnerable areas (SVO)

- 1. Bremanger-Ytre Sula
- 2. Korsfjorden
- 3. Karmøyfeltet bank area

4. Outer

- Boknafjorden/Jærstrendene protected landscape
- 5. Listastrendene protected landscape
- 6. Siragrunnen bank area
- 7. Skagerrak transect
- 8. Outer Oslofjord
- 9. The Skagerrak
- 10. Sandeel habitat north
- 11. and south
- 12. Mackerel spawning grounds



quillemot, a critically

endangered species

bottom areas, hard-bottom

areas with kelp forests and

corals

important as feeding areas

for whales that feed on

sandeels



Particularly valuable and vulnerable area	Why area is classified as valuable	Vulnerability to oil spills	
1. Bremanger–Ytre Sula	Breeding, feeding, moulting, passage and wintering area for seabirds; common seal whelping area	High	
2. Korsfjorden	Representative of islands and skerries off Western Norway: wide variation in habitat types, landscapes, geology, history; kelp forests, birds	Less vulnerable than areas 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9	
3. Karmøyfeltet bank area	High biological production; spawning grounds for Norwegian spring-spawning herring	Vulnerable, but less so than areas 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9	
4. Boknafjorden/Jærstrendene protected landscape	Breeding, feeding, moulting, passage and wintering area for seabirds; whelping ground for seals	High	
5. Listastrendene protected landscape	Wide variety of landscape and habitat types; passage and wintering area for seabirds	High	
6. Siragrunnen bank area	Spawning grounds for Norwegian spring-spawning herring and retention areas for eggs and larvae; feeding area for birds	Vulnerable, but less so than areas 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9	
7. Skagerrak transect	Representative of the Skagerrak. Variety of habitats and landscapes; geologically and historically important; important for kelp and birds	Less vulnerable than areas 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9	
8. Outer Oslofjord	Breeding, passage and wintering area for seabirds; world's largest known inshore cold-water coral reef	High	
9. Skagerrak	Moulting and wintering area for seabirds	High	
10. Sandeel habitat north (Viking Bank)	Habitat and spawning grounds for sandeels and feeding area for whales	Vulnerable, but less so than areas 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9	
11. Sandeel habitat south	Habitat and spawning grounds for sandeels and feeding area for whales	Vulnerable, but less so than areas 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9	
12. Mackerel spawning grounds	Spawning grounds for mackerel	Vulnerable, but less so than areas 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9	



- Focal point of the Norwegian activities to reduce the potential impact lie on on the vulnerability of particularly valuable areas to:
 - petroleum activities
 - maritime transport
 - Fisheries
 - New energies in the ocean
 - land-based and coastal activities
 - Climate and long-range transboundary pollution.

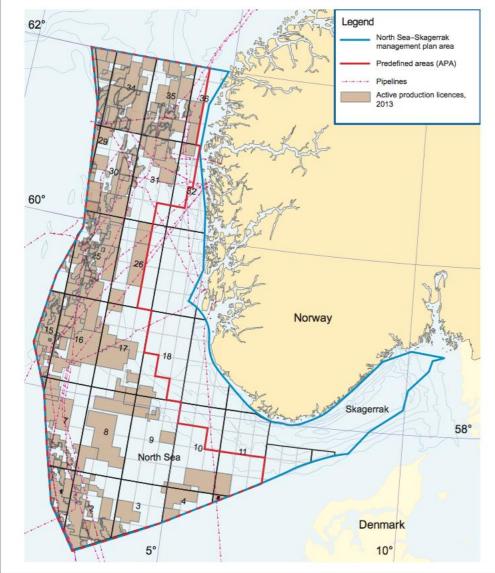


Noise pollution		Environmental impacts	Comments
Petroleum (seismic)	Seismic and sonar	<i>Minor</i> impacts on plank- ton, fish (sandeel, Nor- way pout, saithe, her- ring, cod, mackerel, had- dock)	
Petroleum	Pile-driving, propeller noise, etc	<i>Minor</i> impacts on plank- ton, fish (sandeel, Nor- way pout, saithe, her- ring, cod, mackerel, had- dock)	
Shipping		<i>Minor</i> impacts on marine mammals (propeller noise)	Limited knowledge base
Offshore renewable energy production		<i>Minor</i> impacts on marine mammals, plankton	Establishment of off- shore wind farms may cause noise pollution, especially during con- struction. Little is known about the impacts, and they have only been assessed for marine mammals and plankton. Impacts on fish not assessed
Land-based and coastal activities	Disturbance during the breeding season	<i>Moderate</i> impacts on sea- birds (gulls, cormorant/ shag and common eider)	birds that are disturbed



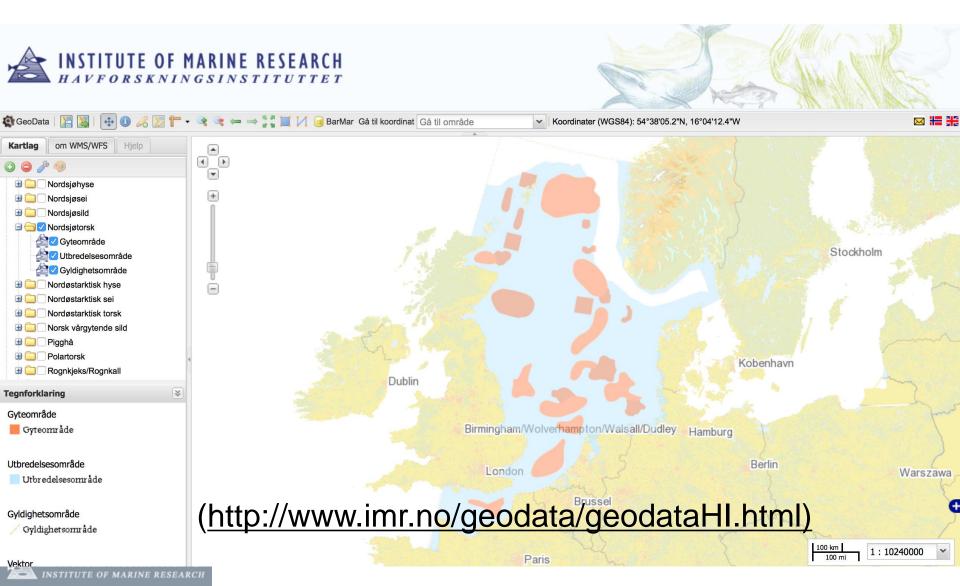
Active petrol production in the North Sea (Norwegian area) 2013

All those fields are seismically surveyed for observing changes in bottom and reservoir structure left capacity etc

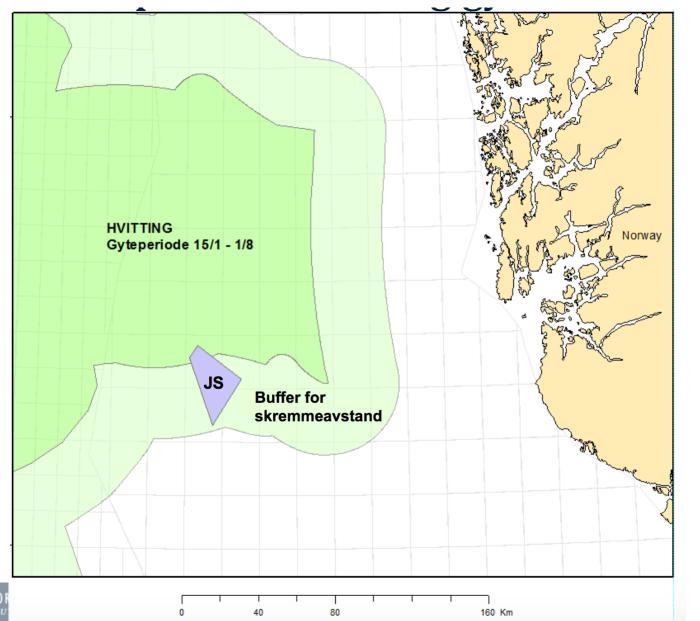




Spawning grounds and distribution maps Example North Sea Cod



Overlapping seismic with spawning fields

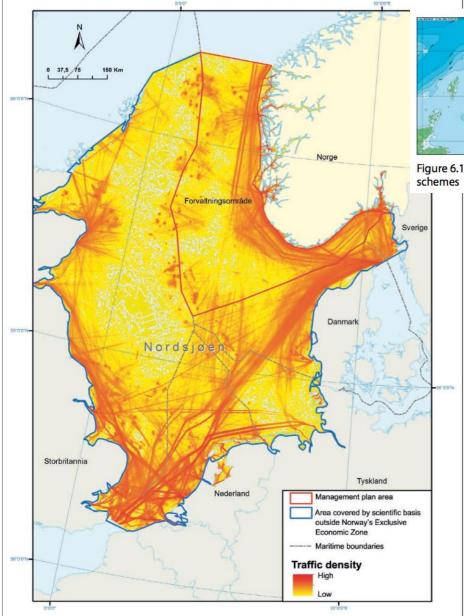


Whiting

18 NM Scare distance



Noise caused by Shipstraffic





6.1 Traffic patterns before (left) and after (right) the introduction of the traffic separation

Reduction of noise caused by shipstraffic after the introduction of measures such as traffic separation

 \rightarrow smaller areas impacted

Impact of Fisheries

Closing of areas for Fishery such as for the sandeel SVO

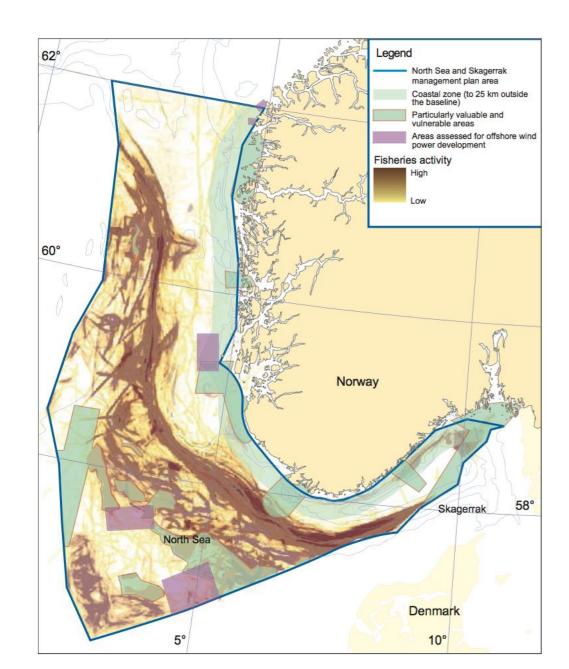




Table 7.2 Environmental impacts of different biological pressures. Based on the report *Cumulative Environmental Effects*, part of the scientific basis for the management plan (Climate and Pollution Agency 2012), with supplementary information.

Biological pres	ssure	Known environmental impacts	Comments	
Shipping	Alien species (ballast water, hull fouling)	<i>Major</i> impacts at ecosystem level	Low probability of intro- ductions but if a species becomes established, it may have major impacts	
Fisheries	Harvesting	<i>Minor</i> impacts on blue whiting, Norway pout, plaice, North Sea herring, saithe <i>Moderate</i> impacts on shrimps, mackerel, sandeel, cod		
Fisheries	Bycatches	Minor to moderate impacts on seabirds Moderate impacts on marine mammals (seals)	Impacts on non-commer- cial fish species are uncer- tain	
Fisheries	Changes in food availabil- ity for other species	Impacts on seabirds are uncer- tain	High uncertainty in assessment of both pres- sure and impacts. Inade- quate knowledge base	

Challenge: Impact of discard ban at EU level Norway established in the 1980's



Table 7.8 Environmental impacts of physical loss and damage. Based on the report *Cumulative Environmental Effects*, part of the scientific basis for the management plan (Climate and Pollution Agency 2012), with supplementary information. Stars in the third column refer to the starred comments in the fourth column.

Physical loss and damage		Environmental impacts	Comments
Petroleum	Drill cuttings on the seabed Installations Pipelines	<i>Minor</i> impacts on ben- thic communities, fish (sandeel, Norway pout, saithe, herring, cod, mackerel, haddock)	There is some uncertainty about the impacts of large piles of drill cuttings previ- ously deposited after drilling using oil-based drill cut- tings.
Fisheries	Bottom trawling	<i>Minor</i> impacts on corals and sponges <i>Moderate</i> to <i>major</i> impacts on benthic communities*	*Moderate to major impacts in areas that are trawled fre quently. Minor impacts on the management plan area as a whole
Offshore renewable energy production	Occupation and distur- bance of areas of sea- bed by installations and burial of pipelines. Arti- ficial reef effects.		A wind farm with fixed installations occupies areas both on the surface and on the seabed. The scale of pressures and impacts is very uncertain and depend- ent on the technology used No coral reefs registered in the areas assessed for off- shore wind power Strategic impact assess- ment concluded that impacts on fish would genera ally be minor except in the areas Southern North Sea I Stadthavet and Frøya- banken. Impacts can be reduced by remedial meas- ures or avoiding parts of the areas assessed





New energies and Areas impacted by activities and installations at seabed such as bottom trawling, exploration wells pipelines etc

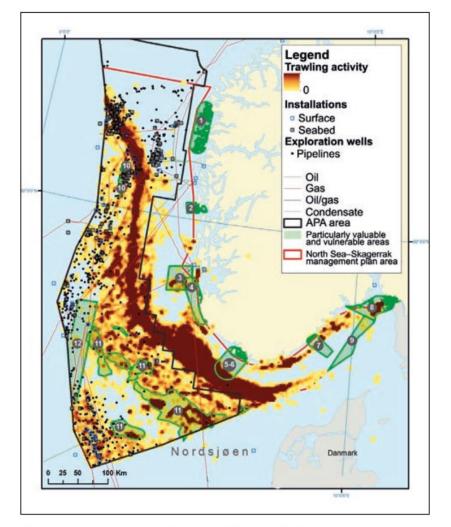


Figure 7.7 Activities and installations in the management plan area with impacts on the seabed (bottom trawling, petroleum installations, exploration wells, pipelines).





- for the
- North Sea/Skagerrak area

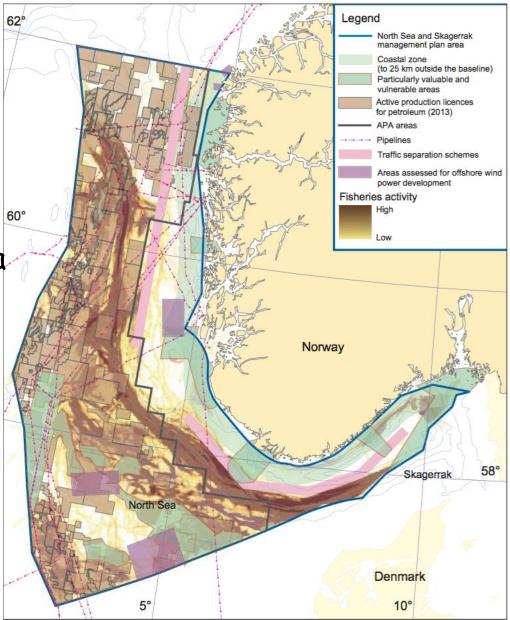


Figure 5.4 Overview of activities in the North Sea and Skagerrak

Source: Petroleum Directorate, Directorate of Fisheries, Directorate for Nature Management, Water Resources and Energy Directorate, Norwegian Coastal Administration, Norwegian Mapping Authority



Marine litter		Environmental impacts	Comments
Fisheries	Lost fishing gear	Concentrations of marine litter in the North Sea and Skagerrak are the highest recorded in the Northeast Atlantic.	Quantities of lost fishing gear in management plan area not investigated. Scale and impacts assessed as minor.
Shipping Land-based and coastal activities Long-range transbound- ary pollution	Illegally discarded marine litter	Various sectors contrib- ute to the problem in the management plan area, and there are inputs of litter from other coun- tries' sea areas. We have only limited knowledge of the exact scale and sources of marine litter in Nor way. This makes it difficult to assess the environmental impacts of litter from individual sec- tors. The impacts on sea- birds are assessed as <i>moderate</i> , based on find- ings of considerable quantities of plastics in the stomachs of fulmars.	Assessed as having minor impacts. Assessed as having minor impacts on all eco system components, but moderate impacts on sea birds. Impacts on ecolog ical relationships and in particularly valuable areas are unknown.

Table 7.7 Environmental impacts of marine litter. Based on the report *Cumulative Environmental Effects* (Climate and Pollution Agency 2012).



• Litter:

 Monitoring data display that 60-90 % of the litter is from plastic prodiucts



Gjenstand	2011	2012	2013
Udefinerbare plastobjekter	8813	33285	101 611
Tau under 50 cm	5664	11679	16303
Isopor	2799	10885	19988
Korker (plast og metall)	5445	7774	19212
Plastposer	2783	5614	7874
Plaskflasker/drikkeflasker	1888	4296	10312
Sigaretter	2993	3567	6744
Tau over 50 cm	2299	3344	7238
Byggematerialer	1752	2460	3561
Matemballasje	854	2401	6005

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- Marine litter
 - \circ Beach litter
 - o floating litter, including surface
 - $\circ~$ deposited on sea floor
 - \circ Accumulated/taken in in biota
 - $\circ~$ in particular micro plastic particles, covering sediment, water column and biota

> Litter Types

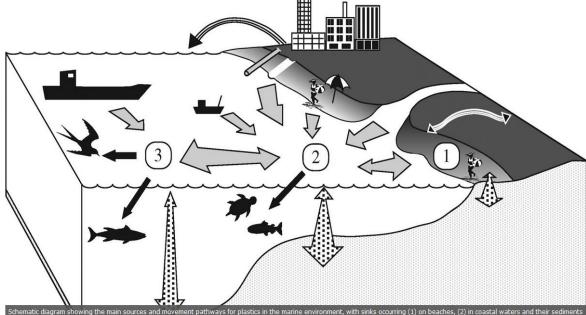
	s (RLCs) are further detailed in Table 3.
MATERIAL	LITTED

CLASS	MATERIAL COMPOSTION	LITTER CODE	LITTER FORM (and examples)	RLC
1	Plastic	PL01	Bottle caps & lids	RL01
2	Plastic	PL02	Bottles < 2 L	RL02
3	Plastic	PL03	Bottles, drums, jerrycans & buckets > 2 L	RL03
4	Plastic	PL04	Knives, forks, spoons, straws, stirrers, (cutlery)	RL26
5	Plastic	PL05	Drink package rings, six-pack rings, ring carriers	RL11
6	Plastic	PL06	Food containers (fast food, cups, lunch boxes & similar)	RL09
7	Plastic	PL07	Plastic bags (opaque & clear)	RL15
8	Plastic	PL08	Toys & party poppers	RL27
9	Plastic	PL09	Gloves	RL25
10	Plastic	PL10	Cigarette lighters	RL20
11	Plastic	PL11	Cigarettes, butts & filters	RL19



Sources – transport and distribution

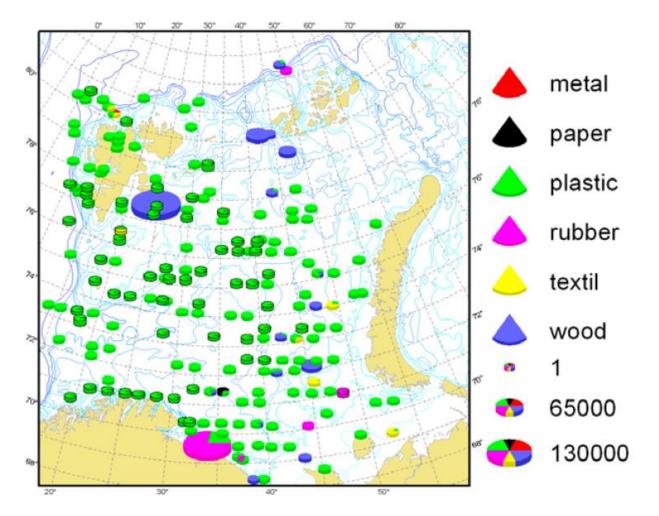
- ca 80% of marine litter originates from land based sources, 20% from the ocean
- Ocean based sources: Litter from boats, Fishing related activity, legal and illegal dumping (offshore related aktivity)
- Landbased sources: Individuals (tourism, littering), landbased industry (ports, agriculture industry), public activity (dumping, deponi, etc)
- Large uncertaity on the amount of annull litter into the ocean (6,4 -25 mill tonn per year globally)





Schematic diagram showing the main sources and movement pathways for plastics in the marine environment, with sinks occurring (1) on beaches, (2) in coastal waters and their sedim and (3) in the open ocean. Curved arrows depict wind-blown litter, grey arrows water-borne litter, stippled arrows vertical movement through the water column (including burial in sediments) and black arrows ingestion by marine organisms. Litter on the ocean bottom

 Data from registrations in bottom and pelagic trawl (IMR)





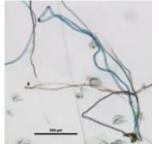
- Floating macro litter
 - No published data from the Nordic countries
 - Present some information from visual observation of vessels
- Cumulative / recorded in biota (macro litter)
 - Few publications, some individual studies , no monitoring
 - The exception is Fulmar (OSPAR indicator)

Type, Method	Sea region	Country	Year(s)	Reference
Litter in Fulmar	NS, SK,	DK/NO/SE,	2002-	Van Franeker, 2011;
	NA	FO	2011	OSPAR 2014
Litter in Fulmar	NS, NA	NO	2003-	Anker-Nilssen, 2014
			2013	
Litter in Fulmar	NA	NO	2013-	Trevail, pers. comm.
			2014	
Litter in Fulmar	NA	IS	2011	Kühn & van Franeker,
				2012
Litter in Thick-	NA	GL	1988-	Falk & Durinck, 1993
billed murre			1989	
Entanglement of	No system	natic registrati	on, only ob	servations
Northern gannet				
Litter in nests of	NS	DK	1992,	Hartwig et al., 2007
Kittiwake			2005	
Entanglement of	NA	NO	19xx-	Norwegian Directorate
fish and craps in			2011	of Fisheries, 2011
ghost nets				



- Microplastic
- Few investigations from sediment, biota and water column $_{\odot}$ Different methodology used







Type, Method	Sea region	Coun- try	Year(s)	Reference
Water column	SK, BS	SE	2007,	Norén, 2007;
water column	38, 03	JL	2010	Norén & Magnusson, 2011
Water column	SK	NO	2010	Norén & Naustvoll 2011
Water column	BS	FI	2012	Setälä, unpubl.
Water column	BS	FI	2013	Magnusson, 2014
Tidal sediment	NS	DK	2009-	Derksen et al. 2012
and beach sand			2010	
Tidal sediment	NA	IS	2011	Dippo, 2012
and beach sand				
Sub-tidal sedi-	SK	SE	2010	Johansson, 2011
ment				
Brittlestars,	SK	SE	2010	Johansson, 2011
faeces				
Mussels and fish	BS	DK	2013	Agersnap 2013
Fish	BS	DK	2013	Sørensen et al. 2013

No common Methodology

(C) UNE

on Survey and Monitoring of Matine Litter

Regional Seas Reports and Studies No. 186

UNEP/IOC Guidelines

JRC SCIENTIFIC AND POLICY REPORTS Guidance on Monitoring of Marine Litter in European Seas

Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment: Recommendations for Monitoring Debris Trends in the

A guidance document within the Common Implementation Strategy for the Marine Strategy Framework Directive MSFD Technical Subgroup on Marine Litter

JRC Scientific and Technical Reports



Marine Litter Technical Recommendations for the Implementation of MSFD Requirements

MSFD GES Technical Subgroup on Marine Litter



EUR 25009 EN - 2011



MARine Litter in Europe Seas: Social AwarenesS

D1.2 SUMMARY OF CURRENT METHODS OF MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT FOR MARINE LITTER





Table 4.1. Summary table of indicators selected in national monitoring plans for the coming years as presented by representatives of national EPAs at the 2nd Nordic workshop "Marine litter – monitoring and management in the Nordic context", 6-7 November 2014.

Country	Indicator	Scheduled monitoring activity					
Denmark	Beach litter:	2 stations in Baltic sea, 2 stations in North Sea/Skagerrak					
	Seafloor:	2 yearly bottom trawl surveys in both Baltic Sea and North Sea /Skagerrak. Coordinated with fishery surveys (BITS/IBTS),					
	Biota:	Investigate uptake in fish					
	Micro-litter:	Microplastic in sediments (18 stations), coordinated with contaminant monitoring,					
Finland	Beach litter:	3 stations in Gulf of Finland, 5 stations in Archipelago sea					
	Seafloor:	-					
	Biota:	-					
	Micro-litter:	Surface water micro-litter (>330µm) from open waters					
	Beach litter:	2 stations					
Iceland	Seafloor:	-					
	Biota:	-					
	Micro-litter:	-					
	Beach litter:	5 stations at Norwegian mainland, 2 stations at Svalbard					
Norway	Seafloor:	Bottom trawl surveys (Barents Sea)					
	Biota:	Plastic ingestion by fulmar (North Sea)					
	Micro-litter:	-					
Sweden	Beach litter:	6 stations in Skagerrak, 10 stations in Baltic Sea and Kattegat					
	Seafloor:	Bottom trawl surveys in both Baltic Sea and North Sea /Skagerrak. Coordinated with fishery surveys (BITS/IBTS),					
	Biota:	Investigate indicator species (bird or fish) for SE conditions (2016)					
	Micro-litter:	Limited surveys of micro particles in water column + sediment and biota (2020), Assessment on point sources for micro litter (2018)					



1: Impact assessments for these sectors and external pressures:

- Petroleum activities
- Shipping
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Land-based and coastal activities
- Offshore renewable energy production
- Climate change, ocean acidification, long-range transport of pollutants

2: Environmental pressures considered for each sector/external pressure:

- Physical pressures
- Inputs of hazardous substances
- Inputs of nutrients and organic matter
- Biological pressures
- Other pressures (marine litter, noise, collisions, etc)

- 3: Environmental impacts of each pressure assessed for these ecosystem components:
 - Plankton
 - Benthic communities
 - Fish (including seafood safety)
 - Seabirds
 - Marine mammals
 - Coastal waters and shore zone
 - Particularly valuable areas



Sector	Biological pres- sures	sures		organic matter		Noise
Sector Petroleum activities	(Table 7.2)	(Table 7.8) Drill cuttings on the seabed Installations Pipelines		(Table 7.6)	(Table 7.7)	(Table 7.9) Seismic data acquisition
Shipping	Introduction of alien spe- cies	_	Operational discharges Oil spills		Marine litter	Propeller noise
Fisheries	Harvesting Bycatches	Damage to seabed from trawling			Marine litter	
Offshore renewable energy	Artificial reefs	Installations				Noise in con- struction period
Land-based and coastal activities	Selective har- vesting of species Introduction of alien spe- cies	Disturbance in seal whelp- ing season and bird breeding sea- son	stances, including	Inputs of nutrients and organic mat- ter	Marine litter	
Climate change, ocean acidifi- cation (Table 7.10)	Climate change may affect species and habitat distribution		Changes in temperature and salinity may affect metabolism, uptake and toxicity of these sub- stances	Climate change may affect inputs and metabo- lism of nutri- ents		



TÄNAN ! Thanks for listening !