Litter Manifesto

for the European Seas

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50% Reduction by 2020
Action on Marine Litter Now

We call on the European Commission and Ministers to:

- End the problem of marine litter within a generation (by 2035).

- Make the reduction of marine litter a priority for all countries.

- Set a 50% reduction target for 2020, as a stepping stone towards achieving Good Environmental Status.

- Urgently develop and implement measures to achieve the 50% reduction target.

- Lead the way in minimising marine litter, both in Europe and internationally, by actively raising the issue with other competent authorities.

We request the Commission and Ministers to support:

- Harmonisation and proper implementation of marine and land-based waste policies.

- Stronger legislation on minimum targets for recycling and reusing plastics and other materials.

- Regulations on extended producer responsibility to promote the "design for life cycle" approach and to incentivise reuse and recycling of plastic and other products e.g. deposit schemes and reverse vending.

- Measures that reduce the use of disposable plastic consumer products e.g. carrier bag levy.

- Proper implementation and enforcement of the 'general prohibition' on waste discharge from ships to the sea (IMO's Annex V of MARPOL 73/78).

- Compulsory discharging of litter in ports for all vessels, including fishing boats, and application of a '100% indirect fee system' for waste reception facilities in all ports.

- Complete prohibition on all waste discharges to Polar waters.

- Enhanced enforcement and higher fines for litter offences on land and at sea.

- Fishing for litter initiatives following the KIMO model.

- Implementation of harmonised monitoring schemes for marine litter and its impact, including further research on the impact of micro-plastics on the food chain.

- Beach clean-ups and educational programs, with adequate duration and follow-up, to increase public's awareness of marine litter.

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