



Adequate port reception facilities and timely handling and safe disposal

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Global	
Geographical area targeted:	
Scale of Implementation:	Global
Commencement Date:	
End Date	
Objectives:	Prevention of waste from entering the aquatic environment
Type of Initiative:	Command-and Control measures
Type of Marine Litter targeted:	Consumption waste
Location of the litter targeted:	All
Land based sources targeted:	None
Sea based sources targeted	Ships
Brief Description of the Initiative:	The Directive on Port Reception Facilities (2000/59/EC) calls on Member States to ensure adequate reception facilities for the ships that normally use their ports (Art. 4). MARPOL 73/78 also requires port reception facilities, and a 2012 IMO Resolution (MEPC.219(63)) sets some further elements for adequacy, and notes that ports can require ships to separate waste onboard, including plastics. As EMSA notes, EU ports normally assess port reception facility needs based on the amounts of ship-generated waste delivered in previous years. In 2010, EMSA found that most EU Member States had adequate port reception facilities (the report found little information, however, on the delivery of cargo residues). This implies that measures to expand port reception facilities will be needed only in a few ports. At the same time, it will be important to ensure that waste storage and other facilities protect waste from being dispersed by wind and rain.
Responsible organizations:	Port authorities
Partner organizations:	Shipping companies; port waste management companies
Financing:	ports, shipping sector
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<p>Pdf document: Literature:</p>	<p>EMSA, Horizontal Assessment Report - Port Reception Facilities (Directive 2000/59/EC), Dec. 2010; "UNEP (2009). Guidelines on the Use of Market-based Instruments to Address the Problem of Marine Litter. Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP), Brussels, Belgium, and Sheavly Consultants, Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA. 60 pp.; IMO Resolution (MEPC.219(63); Barcelona workshops and interviews</p>
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