



## Compilation and assessment of selected anthropogenic pressures in the context of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive - Descriptor 10

*Case Studies collected by the International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas*

<b>North-East-Atlantic</b>	
Geographical area targeted:	Germany, North Sea and Baltic Sea
Scale of Implementation:	National
Commencement Date:	2012-03-08
End Date	2014-02-28
Objectives:	Prevention of waste from entering the aquatic environment Understanding the problem
Type of Initiative:	Research and Development Litter monitoring
Type of Marine Litter targeted:	All
Location of the litter targeted:	All
Land based sources targeted:	All
Sea based sources targeted	All
Brief Description of the Initiative:	As part of a project embedded in the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), we were commissioned to analyze data from monitoring of marine litter, including microplastics, on beaches and in other compartments of the marine environment. Spatial and temporal trends should be identified, and results should be used to classify European marine waters according to their level of pollution with marine litter. Prior to evaluation, indicators of the Good Environmental Status (GES) should be defined, such as the existing OSPAR-EcoQO on the amount of plastic in the stomachs of northern fulmars. Finally for all marine compartments, recommendations for future monitoring of marine litter have to be given.
Responsible organizations:	University of Osnabrück, Institute of Environmental Systems Research
Partner organizations:	Regional Agency of Coastal Protection, National Park, and Marine Protection of Schleswig-Holstein; Research and Technology Centre, University of Kiel; Alfred-Wegener-Institute, Helmholtz-Centre for Polar and Marine Research; Federal Environmental Agency of Germany
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