

# Implementation of Resolution 3/7 Marine litter and microplastics

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# UNEA Resolutions Marine Litter and Microplastics (1/6, 2/11, 3/7)

- Requested UNEP to provide **support to the development of marine litter action plans** upon request by countries (all resolutions)
- 1/6: State of knowledge: Marine plastic debris and microplastics (2016 report → UNEA-2)
  - Priority areas for action
  - Research gaps
  - Policy relevant recommendations
- 2/11: Requested **assessment of the effectiveness of relevant international, regional and sub-regional governance strategies and approaches** to combat marine plastic litter and microplastics and **identify gaps and options** for addressing them (→ UNEA-3)
- Called for greater collaboration and coordination through/with the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (all resolutions) and requested UN Environment to strengthen its input to GPML and marine litter

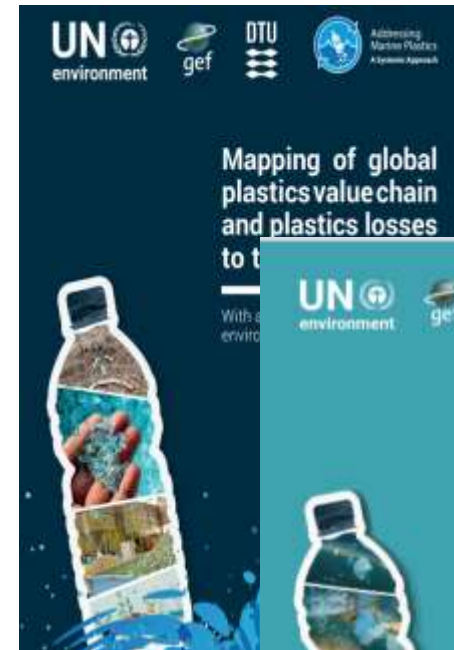
# Knowledge Generation: Marine Plastic Debris and Microplastics – policy relevant recommendations



- **Phase out** of microbeads
- Drastic reduction/ban of **single-use plastics**
- Short-term: waste management, **long-term: upstream reduction**
- 'Biodegradable' will NOT decrease ML - need for **internationally agreed definition of biodegradability** (in marine env.)
- harmonization and **standardization** of methods
- Gaps/solutions for governance frameworks

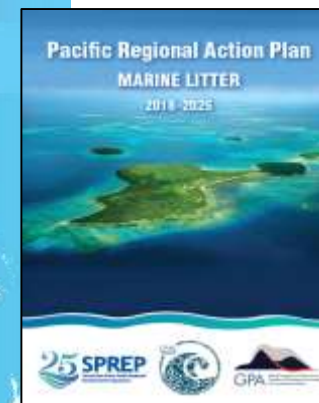
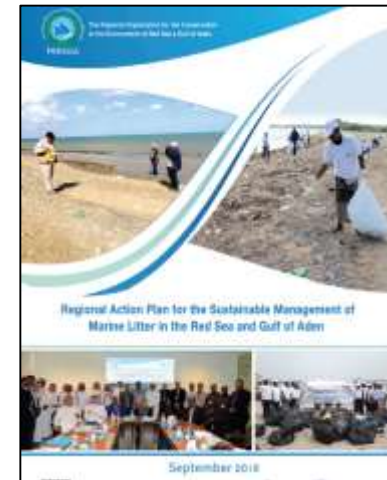
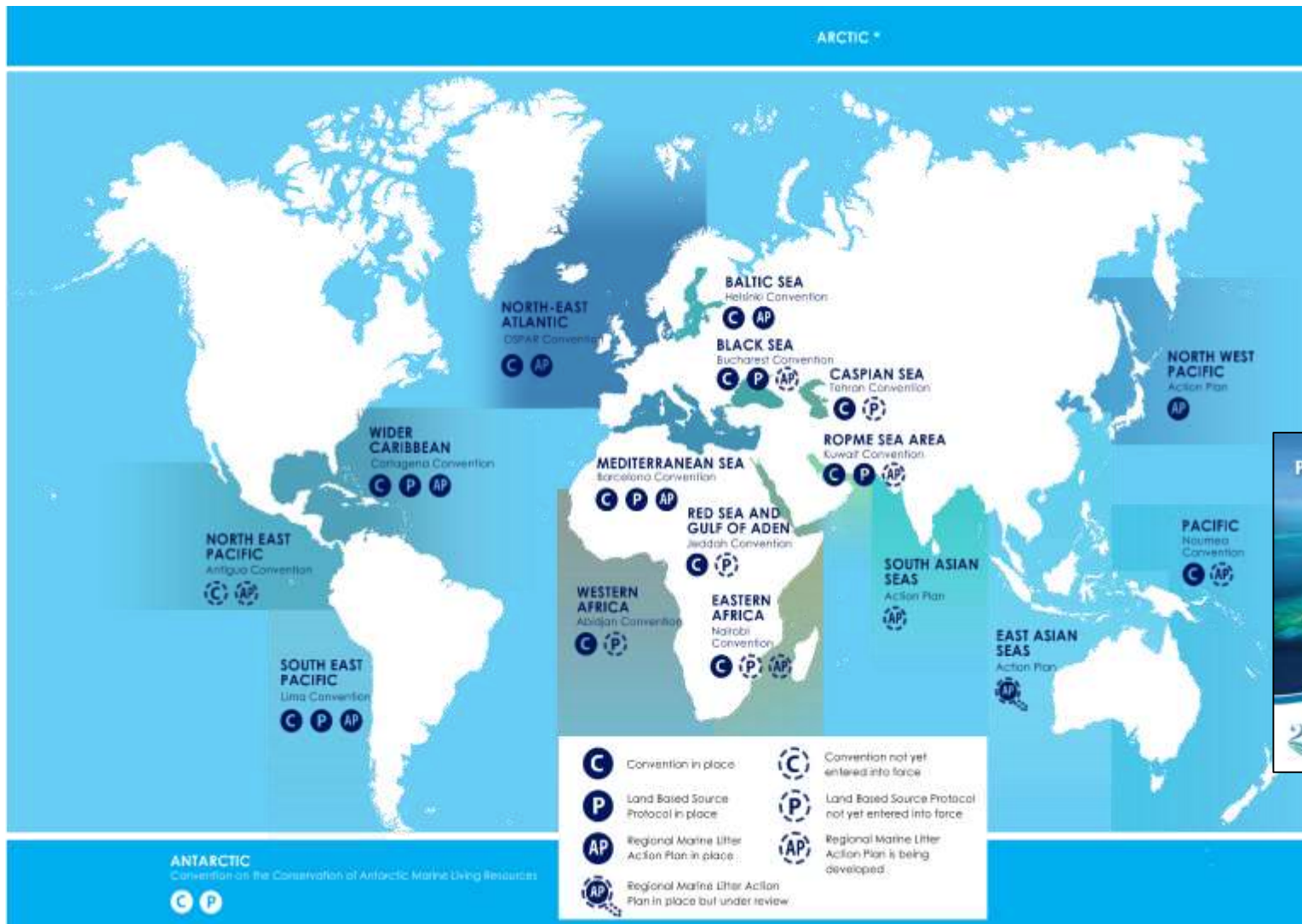
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- Baseline on single-use plastics and microplastics
- Review of Regional Seas Conventions Action Plans
- Guidance on development of action plans
- Economic methodology for estimating costs of ML
- Methodology for assessing value-chain hotspots
- Methodology for hotspot assessment
- Harmonization of monitoring methodologies (GESAMP, IOC-UNESCO)
- IMO: Disposal of fiberglass boats, Microplastics in relation to ship-based activities





# Regional instruments – Marine Litter Action Plans

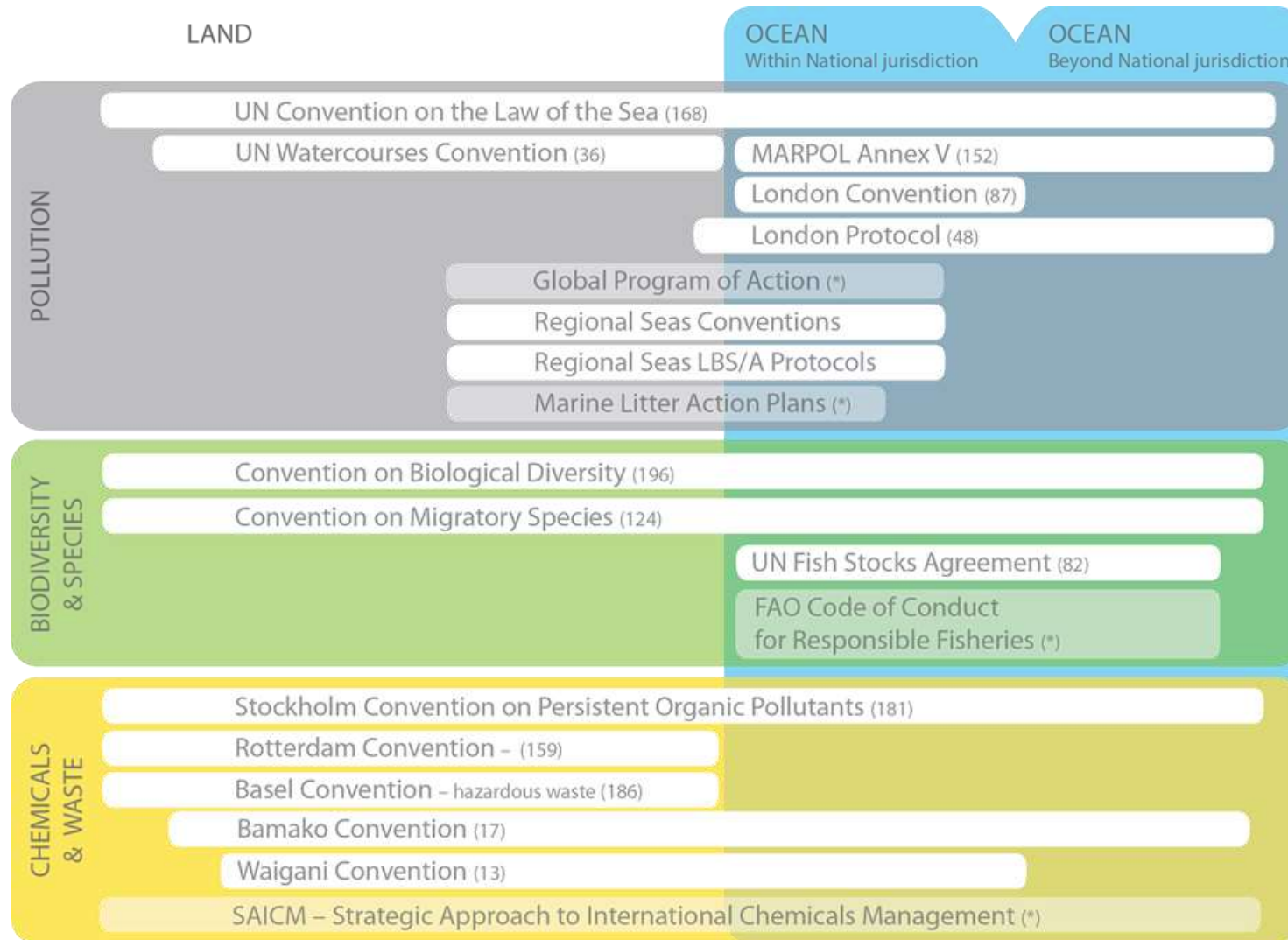


# #Clean Seas – Countries and Partners

- **54 countries have joined.** Many more countries have expressed interest in joining
- Museums, Zoos and Aquaria: e.g. Ocean Project, WAZA, EC
- Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators
- World Scouts Association
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and their stakeholders have already committed to:
  - World Sailing - waste reduction strategy for its events by 2019 + education programme est. 70 million sailors;
  - The International Surfing Association (ISA) - use, reuse and recycle plastics at ISA World Championships by 2019, and expand its education materials on sustainability.
  - The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) is decreasing plastic use and encouraging recycling at its headquarters, and providing recycling education opportunities at national and youth camps.
  - World Rugby has undertaken a variety of actions to reuse and recycle, and will implement new measures with a focus on the reduction of plastic waste.
  - National Olympic Committees



# Assessment of International and Regional Legal Frameworks – Information Paper to UNEA3



Current governance frameworks inadequate to address marine litter

1. Strengthen existing frameworks
2. Coordination of institutional arrangements under an international body
3. New legal framework

# 3/7 OP 10: Ad hoc open ended experts group

- First Meeting 29-31 May Nairobi, Kenya
  - (i) To explore all barriers to combating marine litter and microplastics
  - (ii) To identify the range of national, regional and international response options
  - (iii) To identify environmental, social and economic costs and benefits of different response options
  - (iv) To examine the feasibility and effectiveness of different response options
  - (v) To identify potential options for continued work for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly
- 266 participants: 72 member States, 3 non-member States, 9 IGOs, 28 Major Groups and Stakeholder organizations
- Next Meeting 3-7 December Geneva, Switzerland Registration portal is open: <https://reg.unog.ch/event/26945/>



# 3/7 OP 9 – Compilation of voluntary commitments

- Compile voluntary commitments, as applicable, targeting marine litter and microplastics;
- Provide an overview of their scope in support of the work of the United Nations Environment Assembly on that issue; to better understand progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal target 14.1;
- Report to the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fourth session on the matter;
- Coordination with UN DESA on their voluntary commitment platform, compilation has been initiated:
  - Commitments that have been formally submitted to events, initiatives etc.
  - Commitments announced via media but not submitted
  - Invite to register these via online platform



# 3/7 OP 11 – Implementation of 1/6, 2/11 and 3/7

- Progress on implementation of Resolutions on marine litter and microplastics 1/6, 2/11 and 3/7 (Operative paragraph 11)
- Invitation to all entities to submit voluntary reporting via online platform
- Include in national inputs to UNEA 4 (11-15 March 2019) and preparatory process (Asia Pacific Forum of Environment Ministers (23-25 January 2019 Singapore)
- Analysis of these including voluntary commitment report will take place

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

<https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/second-adhoc-oeeg>

