



Marine Litter

United Nations Environment Programme





Marine litter is a wicked problem ...

- Wicked problems are difficult to clearly define
- •Wicked problems have many interdependencies and are often multi-causal
- •Attempts to address wicked problems often lead to unforeseen consequences



A wicked problem ...

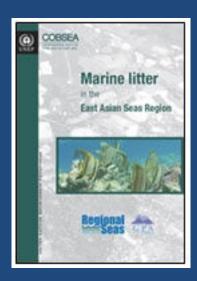
- ·Wicked problems usually have no clear solution.
- Wicked problems are socially complex
- •Wicked problems hardly ever sit conveniently within the responsibility of any one organization
- Wicked problems involve changing behavior

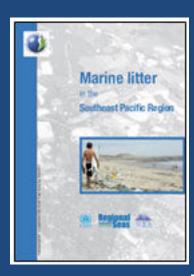


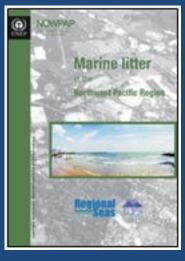
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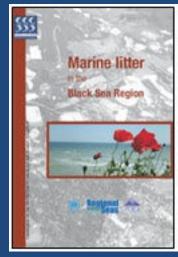


Regional Action on Marine Litter

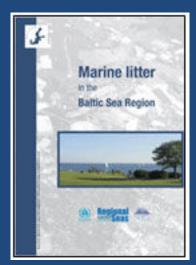


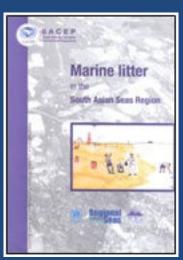


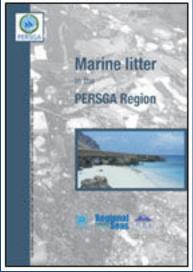


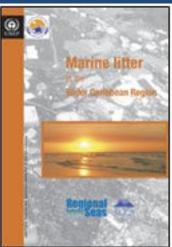














The Honolulu Commitment

The Honolulu Strategy





Honolulu Commitment

Invites all relevant stakeholders, inter alia, to:

- •Encourage all citizens, industry and governments to take responsibility for their contribution and find solutions to the marine litter problem
- •Participate in a global network of stakeholders committed to understanding, preventing, reducing and managing marine debris in an environmentally sustainable manner
- •Contribute to the development and successful implementation of the Honolulu Strategy – a framework for the prevention, reduction and management of marine debris – and its periodic review.





Honolulu Strategy

- Not intended to replace existing or planned activities
- Provides a focal point for improved collaboration and coordination among stakeholders
- •Success will require active participation and support at multiple levels





Strategy Themes

- Land-based sources of marine litter
- At sea sources of marine litter
- Removal of marine litter
- Cross-cutting issues







Honolulu Strategy

- The strategy will become a platform for aligning international, national, corporate and citizenbased actions — What can I do? What can we do?
- •A living strategy activities can be added or modified as our knowledge and understanding of the causes and effects of marine litter improves



Is this sustainable ...

