

# Litter Manifesto

## for the North East Atlantic



**consistently high** 94% of birds **not reducing** Shipping  
entanglement **€17.7 million** invasive species **microplastics**  
**pellets** land based **30 tonnes/km** fishing **Ingestion**  
(OSPAR, 2009)

# NO PLACE FOR WASTE

**OSPAR Ministers must act on marine litter: The marine environment is under threat and without strong measures this problem will only get worse. Action is urgently needed now.**

**The OSPAR Ministers are called on to:**

- End the problem of marine litter within a generation (by 2035).
- Make the reduction of marine litter a priority for the OSPAR Commission.
- Set a 40% reduction target, for 2020, as a stepping stone towards achieving Good Environmental Status
- Urgently implement measures within OSPAR competence to achieve the 40% reduction target.
- Lead the way in minimising marine litter, both in Europe and internationally, by actively raising the issue with other competent authorities.

**By supporting:**

- Measures that reduce the use of disposable plastic consumer products (e.g. plastic bag taxes).
- Regulations on the design of plastic and other products to enhance reuse and recycling.
- Incentivising the reuse of plastic and other containers through deposit schemes, reverse vending and extended producer responsibility.
- Stronger legislation on minimum targets for recycling and reusing plastics and other materials.
- Beach clean-ups and educational programs on marine litter to increase public awareness.
- Fishing for Litter initiatives.
- A “general prohibition” on all waste discharge from ships to the sea as part of the IMO’s revision of Annex V of MARPOL 73/78.
- No-special-fee reception facilities and compulsory discharging of marine litter in port for all vessels including fishing boats.
- Increased enforcement and higher fines for litter offences.
- Further research and monitoring of marine litter and its impact, including the impact of microplastics on the food chain.

Supported by:



**You know what the problem is... now act to solve it**