



Global Partnership on Marine Litter





UNEA Resolution

First session of the United Nations Environment Assembly – Resolution 1/6 on Marine Plastic Debris and Microplastics:

- → Encourages Governments...and others to cooperate with the Global Partnership on Marine Litter
- → Emphasizes that further urgent action is needed and encourages Governments and the private sector to promote more resourceefficient use and sound management of plastics and microplastics
- → Requests UNEP to provide support to the development of marine litter action plans upon request by countries
- → Request UNEP ED to present a study on microplastics to UNEA-2
- → General Assembly's resolution 69/245 on Oceans and the law of the sea
- → G7 communique Action Plan on ML use GPML/GPA/RSCAPs



Action plans/nodes/networks

ML Action Plans:

- Regional: Mediterranean, Caribbean, (Northwest Pacific, OSPAR, HELCOM)
- National: Nigeria,
- Municipal: Panama, Peru, Ecuador, Chile, Colombia, Brazil (draft Niteroi)
- Pipeline: AP for Black Sea, monitoring activities on microplastics in tuna guts in Seychelles, Grenada and Fiji.

Nodes/networks:

- Regional GPML nodes: Northwest Pacific, in the pipeline: Caribbean, Mediterranean, South Pacific
- National: Portuguese partnership/network, Brazil, Germany
- Portuguese speaking network under formation
- Pipeline discussion: Network for South Africa



Implementation: Waste minimization, Samoa



















Implementation: Scientific assessment

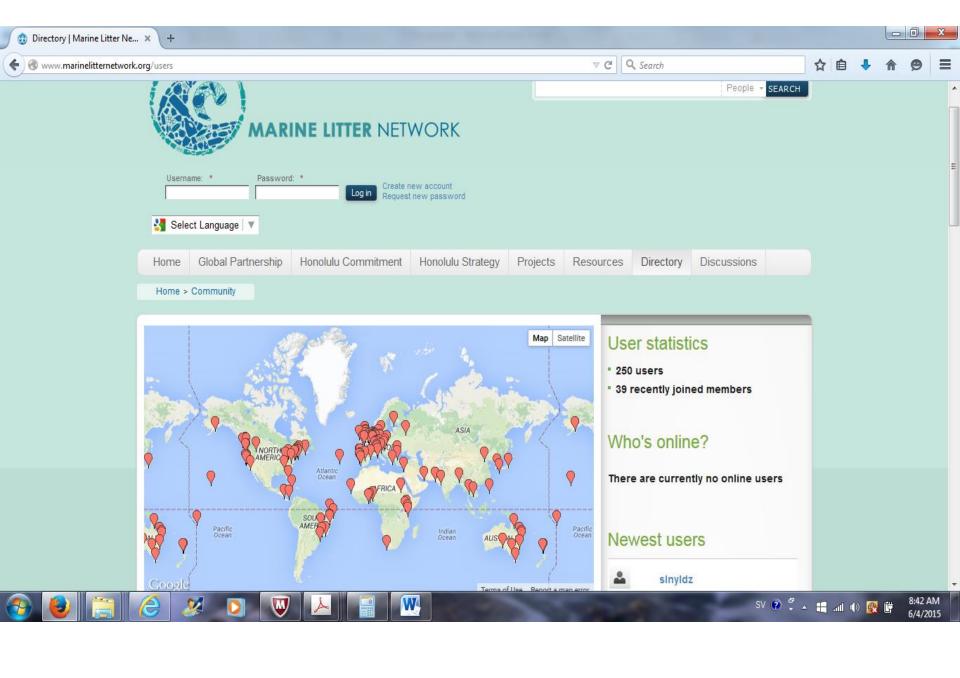
- Main sources and categories of plastics/microplastics; simulate the behaviour of plastics/microplastics to improve assessment tech
- Occurrence/effects of microplastics in commercial fish/shellfish species.
- Scales of accumulation, Risk of physical and chemical effects of ingested microplastics on marine organisms, Significance of plastics and microplastics as a **vector for organisms**, non-indigenous (alien) species.
- Modelling and monitoring → hotspots (CSIRO): a global modelling workshop, Modeling and monitoring of ML incl. regional comparisons
- Socio-economic component (IEEP): costs of non-action and action
- Compilation of Best Available Technologies/Environmental Practices (BATs/BEPs)



For consideration

- Collaborating with the GPML implementation of resolution 1/6, repriorities

 UNEA 2
- Strategy/Action Plan for WIO identify and prioritize cost efficient and realistic measures to improve marine litter management in the WIO region. Contribute to the following main objectives:
 - Reducing the ecological, human health, and economic impacts of marine litter in the Convention area;
 - Promoting resource efficiency and economic development through waste prevention and recovering valuable materials from waste;
 - Increase participation of stakeholders and private sector in the management of marine litter:
- Development of demo/pilot projects for e.g. plastics management, creation of value chains and increased job creation
- Massive open online course on marine litter (2015 est. September)





Thank you for your attention



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