

UNEP Efforts to Combat Marine Litter

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Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML)

- Launched in Rio+20, June 2012 to protect human health and the environment by the reduction and management of ML
- **Stand alone resolutions on marine plastic litter and microplastics adopted at all United Nations Environmental Assemblies (UNEA 1/6 and UNEA 2/11, and UNEA 3/7)**
- Voluntary multi-stakeholder partnership ~ 120+ partners, many networks in their own right (African Marine Waste Network, Clean Europe Network etc.)
- Help countries reach their targets related to Sustainable Development Goal target 14.1



GPML: Four Regional nodes

- Wider Caribbean: Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI)
- Northwest Pacific: Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP)
- Pacific: Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Mediterranean: under development by UNEP/MAP/Barcelona Convention

GPML: Current and Future Activities

- **Strengthening the GPML is ongoing (support from Norway)**
 - Expanding the membership (incl. #CleanSeas members) and Steering Group outreach
 - Expanding the regional nodes
 - The online marine litter network (MLN): <http://marinelitternetwork.com/> (since June 2017)
- **Expanding other activities**
 - Providing a secretariat for the International Coalition “Stop Plastic Waste” (spearheaded by France, Monaco, Morocco etc.)
 - TOR for the G20 Global Network of the Committed to implement the G20 Action plan (after July 2018)
 - Harmonization of ML and Microplastics Monitoring Methodologies and SDG 14.1 (GESAMP in 2019)

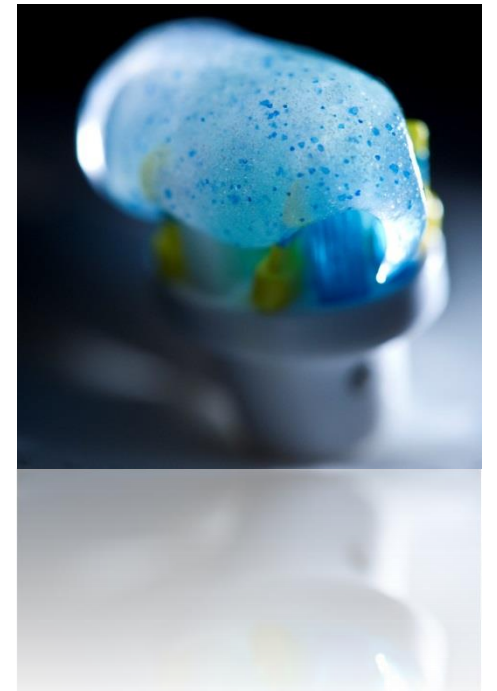


#Clean Seas, truly global campaign on Marine Litter

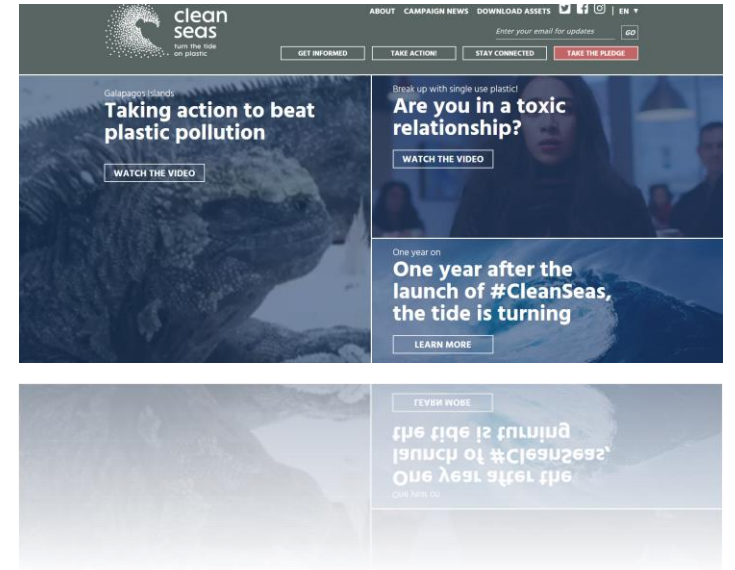


#Clean Seas: Goals

- To promote upstream actions tackling plastic pollution, such as:
- Improving plastics management
- Phasing out non-recoverable plastics (e.g. microplastics in cosmetics)
- Significantly reducing single-use plastics
- Recycling all plastics consumed and avoiding waste



#Clean Seas: 43 Countries Joined as of May 2018



#Clean Seas: 2017-2022

Phased campaign over 5 years

Phase 1: Educate & Engage

Institutional Engagement

Engage GPML &
Other Stakeholders

Engage Private Sector

Public Engagement

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Phase 2: Collaborate

Private Sector & Government
Collaboration

Public support for
Action on Plastics

Phase 3: Replicate & Scale

Industry Shift
Production

New Policy
Introduced

Mass Movements for Action Created

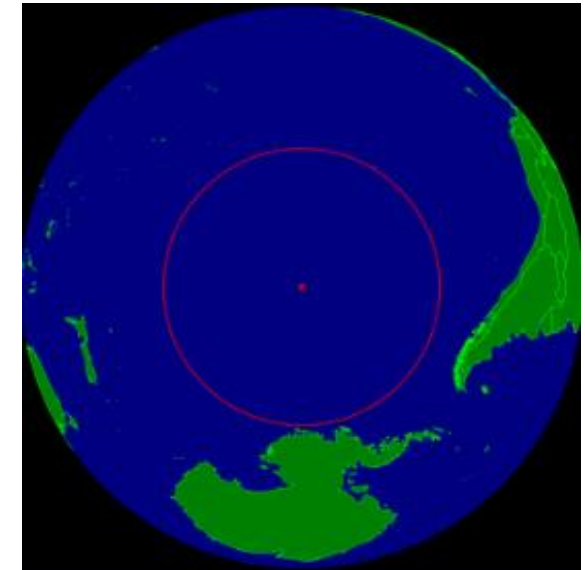
Ocean Expeditions / Races



- **The Volvo Ocean Race** started from Alicante, Spain on 22 October and will finish in The Hague, Netherlands in June 2018

- Covers 11 legs over 45,000 nautical miles and takes in 12 major cities on six continents.

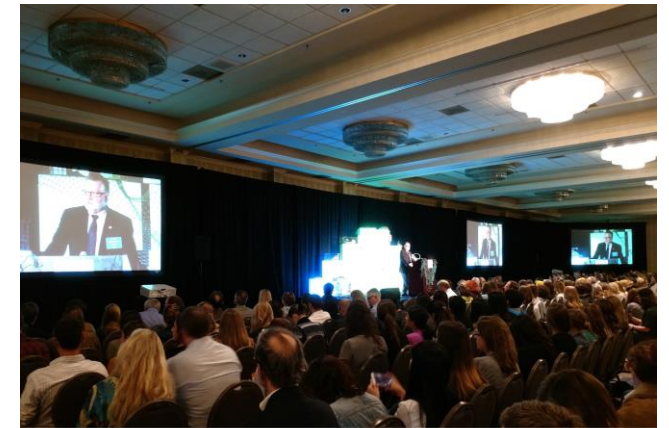
- Race for Water



Oceanic pole of inaccessibility at
48° 52' 36"S 123° 23' 36"W

6th International Marine Debris Conference (6IMDC)

- Jointly organized by US NOAA and UN Environment
- To share lessons learned and best practices to reduce and prevent marine debris and its impacts; exchange innovative ideas; and share research initiatives, methods, and results
- 75 technical sessions across ten track areas
- More than 700 participants



Implementing UNEA 3/7 Resolution on Marine Litter and Microplastics

Main common categories of activities of UNEA-3 resolutions

Science, data, access to information, reporting, SDGs

Standards, regulations and integrated policy development

Industry, private sector engagement, (incl. circular economy/lifecycle) and NGO engagement

Methodologies and tools development, Capacity-building, strengthening of technical and institutional capacity

Education, training

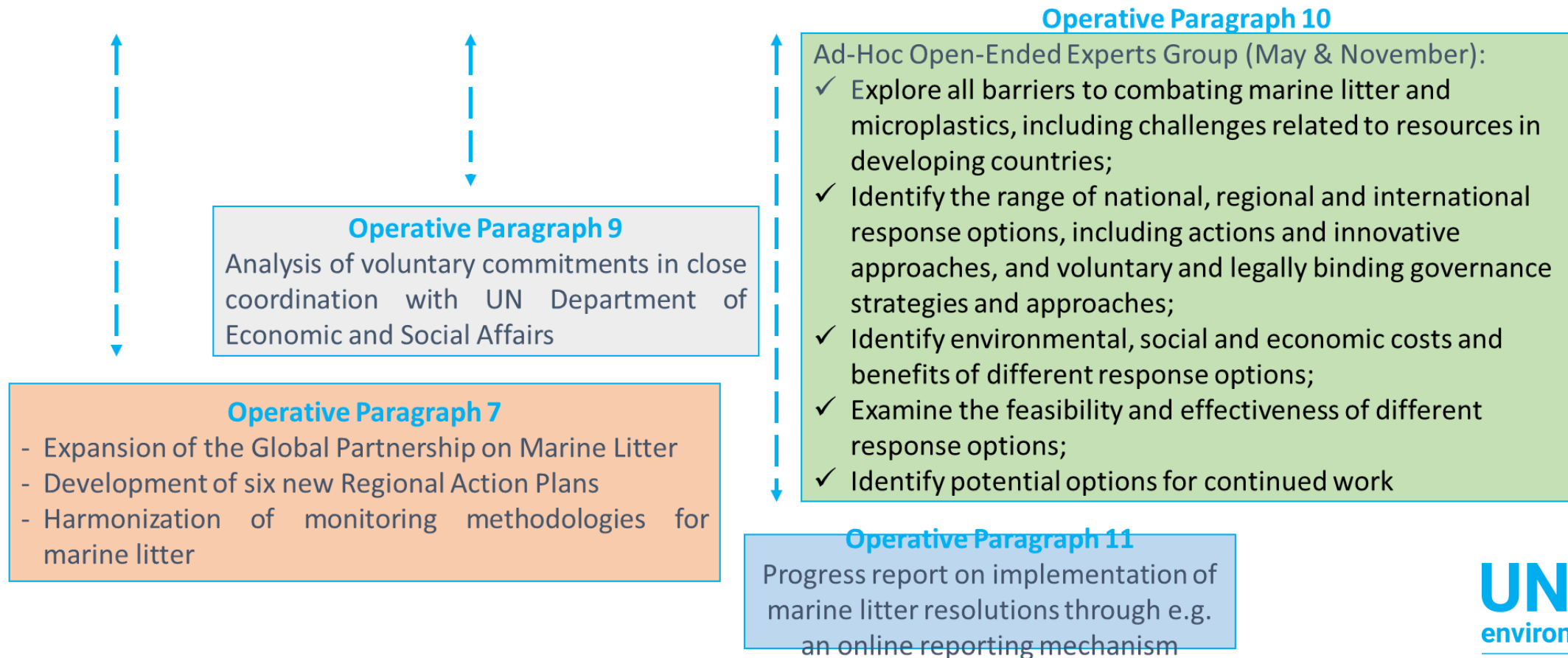
Communication

Regional cooperation, partnership building with all, incl. UN Agencies



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Towards Implementation of UNEA3/7 Resolution



Future Directions for ML Action Plans

- **Stocktaking** and preparation of guidance document on regional action plans (completed in 2018)
⇒ Informal community for regional seas
- Rapid **assessments** for the identification of hotspots for priority intervention
⇒ Regional assessments
- Development of national and regional projects to address regional and national priorities
⇒ **Implement** action plans
- Emerging issues (e.g., microplastics)
⇒ **Revision** of existing action plans



Useful Links

GPA/GPML: <http://www.unep.org/gpa/what-we-do/global-partnership-marine-litter>

#CleanSeas Campaign: <https://cleanseas.org/>

MOOC: <https://www.marinelittermooc.org/learn/marine-litter-mooc-may-2017>

Marine Litter Network: <http://marinelitternetwork.engr.uga.edu/>

#BeatPollution Campaign: <http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/beat-pollution>

Thank you



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