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How HELCOM is coordinating action on marine litter

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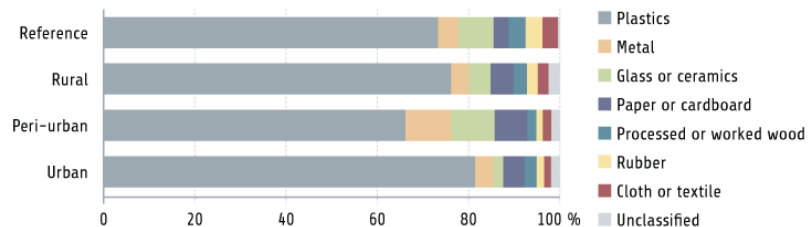
Monitoring & assessment



Rank	Urban beach	Peri-urban	Rural beach
1	Drinking related items such as cups, caps, lids (plastic)	Plastic and polystyrene pieces	Plastic and polystyrene pieces
2	Plastic and polystyrene pieces	Food related items such as wrappers, packets (plastic)	Food related items such as wrappers, packets (plastic)
3	Cigarette butts and remains.	Cigarette butts	Drinking related items such as cups, caps, lids (plastic)
4	Food related items such as wrappers, packets (plastic)	Drinking related items such as cups, caps, lids (plastic)	Plastic bags
5	Paper and cardboard items	Plastic bags	Bottles and containers (plastic)
6	Drinking related items such as bottle caps, pull tabs (metal)	Single-use cutlery and straws	String and ropes (plastic)
7	Plastic bags	Drinking related items such as bottle caps, pull tabs (metal)	Cigarette butts
8	Single-use cutlery and straws	Glass and ceramic fragments	Glass and ceramic fragments
9	Bottles and containers (plastic)	Foil wrappers and pieces of metal	Industrial packaging
10	Drinking related cans (metal)	String and ropes (plastic)	Processed wood and pieces of processed wood



Litter material categories on different beach types





Examples of actions on sources



Micro particles

- National actions: identification of sources, and possible WWTP techniques for prevention
- EU Interreg BSR FanPLESStic-sea project on pathways and removal technologies of microplastics



Expanded polystyrene (EPS)

- Awareness raising at construction and demolition sites
- Collection and recycling of EPS and XPS
- Requirements to reduce loss of plastic granules (producers and converters)
- Floats for flag buoys



ALDFG: Waste from shipping and aquaculture

- Mapping of DFG accumulation areas
- Retrieval of DFG from the accumulation areas
- Prevention
- Management of ALDFG in ports

Target year: 2021



Update of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP ML) by 2021

The HELCOM Contracting Parties will review and possibly update the RAP ML in 2021 (HELCOM Recommendation)



Marine litter objectives in the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP)

1) “No harm to marine life from litter”
(ecological objective)

2) “Prevent generation of waste and its input to the sea, including microplastics”
(management/conservation objective)

3) “Significantly reduce amounts of litter on shorelines and in the sea”
(management/conservation objective)



Thank you!