

Proposed Marine Litter workshop

Location: Akureyri, Iceland

Time: Late May/early June 2018 (TBC)

The Marine Litter Workshop is proposed to be a part of series of workshops that will address 1) marine litter; 2) the Arctic Invasive Alien Species Strategy and Action Plan; and 3) the Arctic Ship Traffic Database

Marine Litter – (Mon-Tue)

PAME's *Desktop Study on Marine Litter including Microplastics in the Arctic* plans to organize a workshop in Iceland. The workshop will be an important factor in PAME's project going forward, to learn from past experiences, gather new ones and explore and plan the way forward.

Suggested topics:

Background document: 1st draft of the desktop study

Aim of workshop: To facilitate inputs to the development of the desktop study, taking into account new developments and information as relevant.

- ✓ **Session I: Opening of the Workshop**
 - Overview of the desktop study outline and timeline (co-leads)
 - Introduction of participants
- ✓ **Session II: Main legislative frameworks**
 - Status and emerging trends of the legislative framework (Session II author)
 - Opportunities and options to strengthen and/or coordinate relevant legislative frameworks with particular relevance (invited expert)
 - Discussions and inputs from participants including potential recommendations (to feed into Session IV).
- ✓ **Session III: Marine Litter Literature**
 - The growing threat of marine litter (invited expert)
 - Status and emerging trends as per the literature categories (Session III author)
- ✓ **Session III (a): Sources:** origin of plastic both within and outside the Arctic (e.g. land-sourced pollution, fisheries, shipping, industry, tourism/recreation...)
 - Sources of marine litter (2 case studies: e.g. Holland, case study and a PP representative)
 - Discussions and inputs from participants including potential recommendations (to feed into Session IV).
- ✓ **Session III (b): Impacts:**
 - Impact of marine litter (invited expert and 1-2 case studies from a PP representative)
 - Discussions and inputs from participants including potential recommendations (to feed into Session IV).
- ✓ **Session III (c): Pathways and distribution:**
 - Pathways and distribution of marine litter invited expert and 1-2 case studies from a PP representative)
 - Discussions and inputs from participants including potential recommendations (to feed into Session IV).
- ✓ **Session III (c): Response:**
 - Response/cleanup (e.g. Regional actions against marine litter HELCOM, OSPAR, case study from a PP representative)
 - Discussions and inputs from participants including potential recommendations (to feed into Session IV).

- ✓ **Session IV: Recommendations and next steps**
 - List of potential recommendations based on previous discussions (small discussion groups, present ideas)
 - Discussions
 - Wrap-up and Next steps (ML co-Leads)

Possible Invitees:

- ✓ Marine litter project team (5 people)
- ✓ Marine litter expert group (20 people)
- ✓ Presenters (5 people)
- ✓ Invited experts (10 people)
- ✓ Others (20)
 - *Total: 60 people invited, estimated 30-35 participants*

Possible venue:

- ✓ Hotel KEA, Akureyri
- ✓ Gáseyri beach (one day cleanup activities + icebreaker on the beach, on the Nordic Coastal Clean-up day)

Expected outcome:

- ✓ Summary Workshop report
- ✓ Inputs and next steps for the development of the desktop study

Invasive species (Wed-Thu)

ASTD – (Thu-Fri)