



Action plan by Norwegian Fishermen

How to stop plastic waste from fishing vessels

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About Fiskebåt – The Norwegian Fishing Vessel Owners Association

Our Vision:

An environmentally friendly and profitable fishing fleet that delivers healthy food from sustainable stocks in the world's cleanest oceans

- 190 fishing vessels, 4500 fishermen
- Purse seiners, pelagic trawlers, ground fish/shrimp trawlers, long liners, snow crab vessels, danish seiners
- Nation wide – one of three organisations in The Norwegian Fisherman`s Association



Action Plan by Norwegian Fishermen to prevent Marine Littering, Waste Management Procedure, and demonstration of belt for collecting cut-off waste onboard

Our Goal!

- 1) to stop the input of fishing-related plastic waste into the ocean
- 2) to clean up the beach area where possible
- 3) increase the degree of reuse and recycling of fishery-related plastic waste



1. To stop plastic pollution from fishing vessels

- From the shores of Svalbard to the Norwegian coast from north to Vestland, plastic waste from fishing vessels are most common type of waste
- Not just from Norwegian fishing vessels, but from for example UK, Ireland, Denmark and Spain
- Parts of fishing nets, rope, buoy, packaging, fish boxes are often found on Norwegian beaches
- Some of the pieces we did find had a name on, but most of the garbage were anonymous – for instance thousands of plastic bottles



1. To stop plastic pollution from fishing vessels

- To stop fishermen from throwing plastic into the ocean
 - to stop the deliberate dumping of waste into the sea
 - to avoid "unintentional loss of fishing gear"
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Four focus areas



F1: Good routines and awareness

F2: Better waste management in ports

F3: International cooperation

F4: Increased visibility and knowledge sharing





Lots of knowledge about marine litter

Topp 5

Funn nasjonalt

		Antall funn	% av alle funn	
1	Uidentifiserbare plastbiter	42 255	18%	
2	EPS (isopor)	23 783	10%	
3	Tau	20 684	9%	
4	Sigarettsneiper	18 750	8%	
5	Snusposer	13 456	6%	

Topp 5

Tilstedeværelse på akasjon¹

		Antall akasjoner	% av alle akasjoner	
1	Tau	559	49%	
2	Plastflasker	505	44%	
3	Matemballasje	474	42%	
4	EPS (isopor)	449	39%	
5	Godteriemballasje	443	39%	

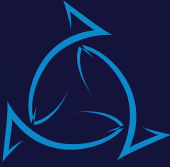


F1: Good routines and awareness

The belt

Developed a belt for collecting
cut-off pieces of nylon
Cooperation with Nothuset
Pilot 1 has been tested,
pilot 2 is in production





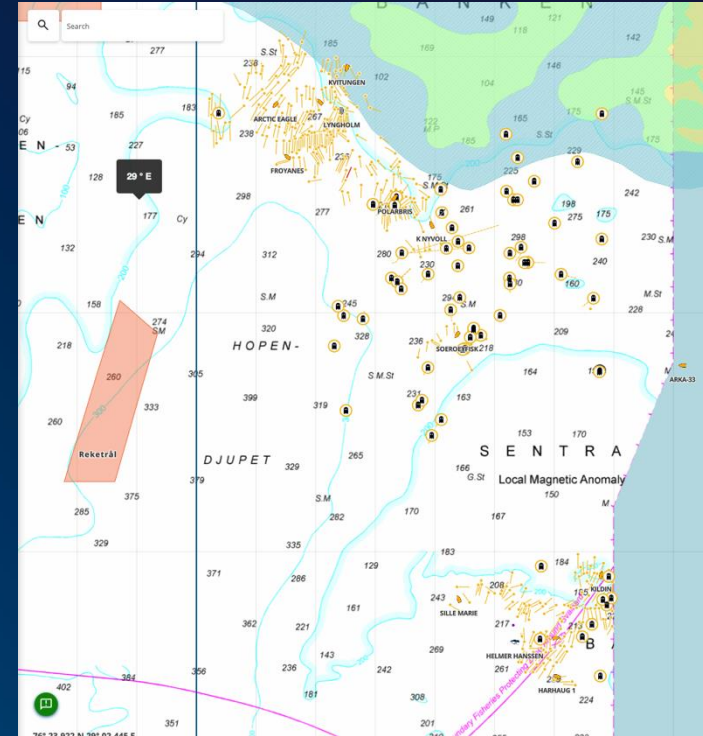
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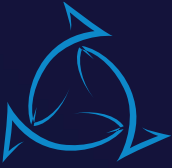
F1: Good routines and awareness

- Input meetings with members - process for preparing the belt
- Information film
- Campaign in social media urging members to report lost gear.





F2: Better waste management in ports



- *Participated in a reference group for the work on proposals for a fee system
- *Made an overview of the fishing industry's needs in relation to waste solutions in ports
- *Follow-up of implementation of the Ship Waste Directive
- *Procedure for sorting waste on board fishing vessels

Partner in different projects

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Fishing for Litter 2.0

Various FHF projects

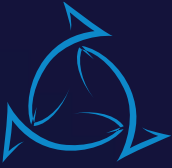


F3: International cooperation/legislation



Norway delivered a paper to IMO
In 2023 (MEPC 80)





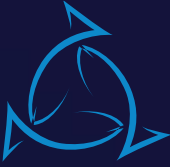
1 to develop a new requirement for fishing vessels and vessels engaged in fishing to be provided with a ship-specific "Plan for onboard management of fishing gear ship (FGMP)" that ships should follow, and to consider a proper placeholder for such a requirement, including an option of addressing the issue as a new code under MARPOL Annex V;

.2 to amend the guidelines annexed to resolution MEPC.220(63) or/and resolution MEPC.295(71), or to develop new guidance, as relevant, to address the plan for management of fishing gear and onboard equipment deployed in fishing activities (FGMP), as addressed in paragraphs 27 to 34; The amendments of the 2017 Guidelines can include in paragraph 2.2.2.5 a reference to the newly developed guidance that could either be a part of the guidelines (e.g. an annex to the guidelines) or a stand-alone document; the draft of the management plan set out in annex 1 to this document can be used as a basis;

.3 to decide to which fishing vessels the measures in .1 and .2 should apply;
And

.4 to invite Members States to inform IMO and other Member States of the measures, both mandatory and voluntary, that they have implemented to reduce the amount of marine litter from fishing activities, and preferably within a set date.

MARPOL V - Rule 10



Regulation 3

General prohibition on discharges of wastes into the sea

2 Subject to the provisions of regulation 7 of this Annex, the discharge into the sea of all plastics, including but not limited to synthetic ropes, synthetic fishing nets, plastic garbage bags and ash from the incineration of plastic products, is prohibited.

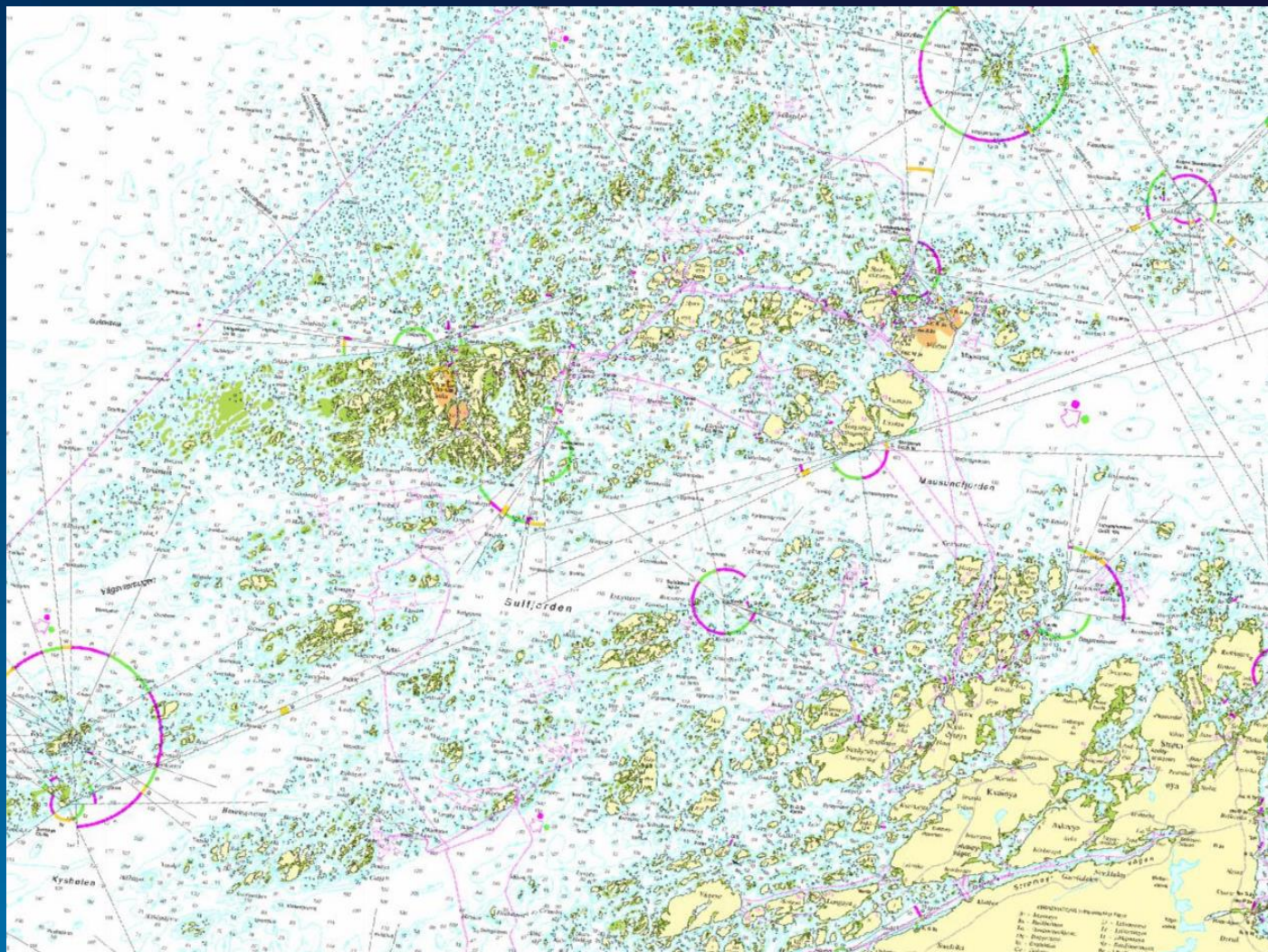
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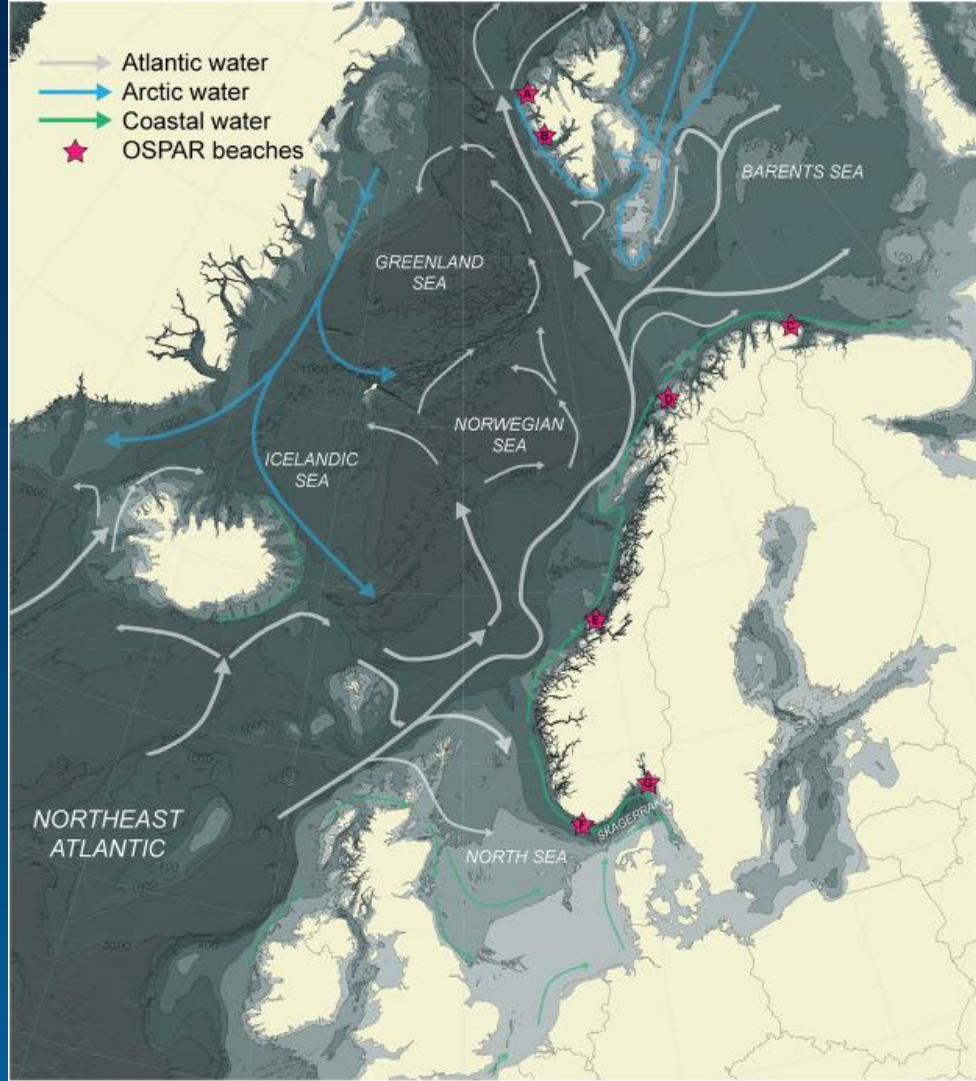
6 Accidental loss or discharge of fishing gear as defined in regulation 7, paragraph 1.3 and regulation 7, paragraph 1.4, which constitutes a significant hazard to the marine environment or navigation, shall be reported to the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly and, if the loss or discharge occurs in waters under the jurisdiction of a coastal State, also to that coastal State.



2. to clean up the beach area where possible

Mausund field station started in 2017, the Marine Litter project. This work is important, and with the cleanup work, documentation and dissemination, they are making a big difference.





Mausund feltstasjon – cleaning beaches in Trøndelag





What did we find?

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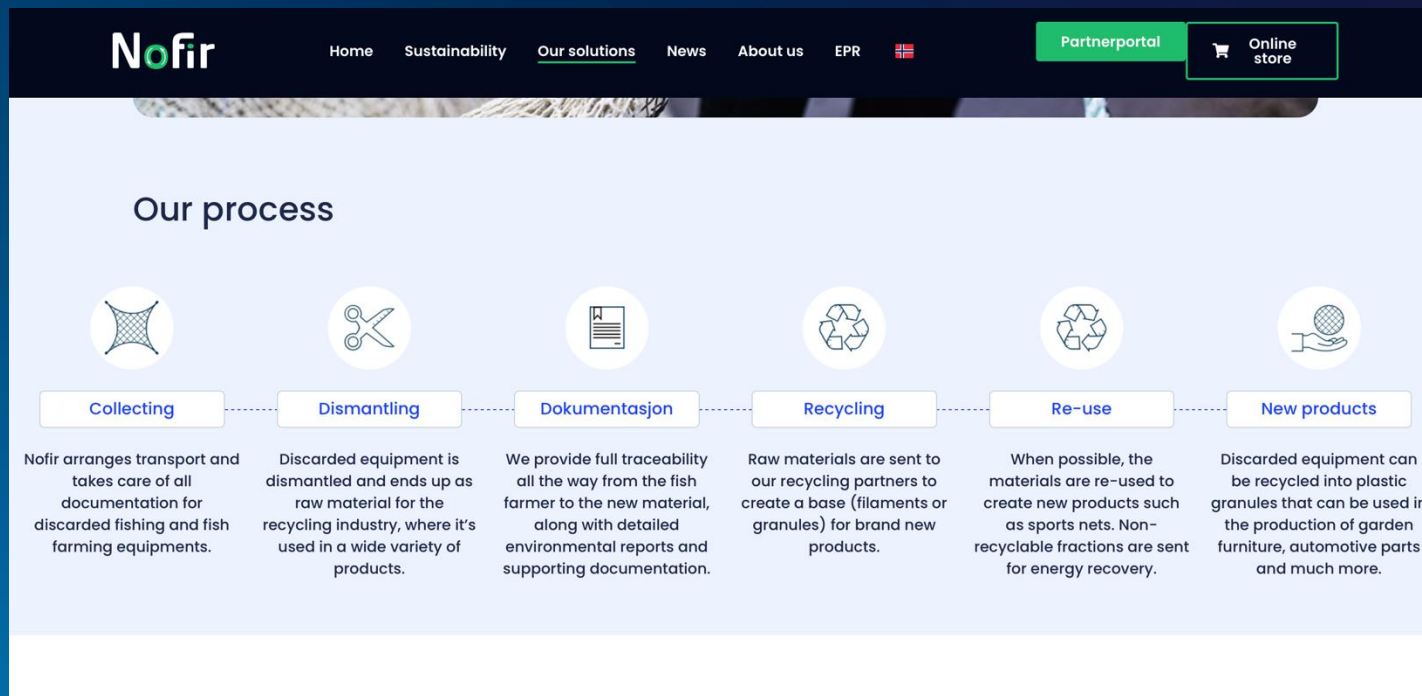
Foto: Mausund Feltstasjon







3 Increase the degree of reuse and recycling of fishery-related plastic waste





Priority

- 1) Get all plastic waste to land
- 2) Sort the waste in port (on board a vessel it's no time and a difficult and moving environment)
- 3) Reuse of reusable material



- * Waste from trawlers is properly the smallest problem
- * Lost gillnets, crabpots, lobsterpots, ropes and more are tenfold a problem
- * but it's at the bottom of the ocean



Thank You!

Workshop waste management practice on board fishing vessels, Hafnarfjordur, Iceland, 27. and 28. January
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