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## Riverine and Marine Litter Work session

**27/28 June**

**Bonn, Germany**





## OSPAR Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter

OSPAR has the objective to substantially reduce marine litter in the North-East Atlantic area. To reach this goal, which is in line with the objectives of the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), the Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter was adopted in 2014. As a part of the marine debris finds its source on land and enters the marine environment via rivers and waterways, the plan also includes an action on riverine litter and the need to cooperate with the river or river basin commissions (action 41). In this context, OSPAR, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium are organising this work session.



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OSPAR's Marine Litter Regional  
Action Plan



## Inventory of knowledge and actions concerning riverine litter

A questionnaire was sent to the river basin commissions in order to get a first idea of how riverine litter is being addressed. The report Inventory of knowledge and actions concerning riverine litter relevant for the OSPAR area (see attachment) summarizes the answers to this questionnaire. The work session will focus on the issues that are being raised in this report, which includes the lessons learned by OSPAR when setting up beach litter monitoring and the needed cooperation between the two communities.

### For whom

All secretariats of the river commissions that were involved in the OSPAR questionnaire are invited, as well as the members of those commissions. From the marine community, involved actors from OSPAR and HELCOM are invited. The amount of participants will be limited (around 35), so it is important that parties will be selective on whom will join.

### Practical Information

**What:** Work session Riverine and Marine Litter  
**Start:** 27th of June, 12.00h.  
**Ending:** 28th of June, 14.00h  
**Where:** German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Bonn, Germany  
**Programme:** More information on the exact programme will follow  
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