

Desktop Study on Marine Litter including Microplastics in the Arctic

Timeline and Main Milestones

Main activities: Phase I (2017-2019): Scoping and Outreach Phase:

- ✓ Conduct a Desktop Study on marine litter in the Arctic region with the aim to provide the current status on this issue.
 - Collect relevant literature
 - Analyse and provide written summary of the literature
- ✓ Develop communication products for outreach and education.
- ✓ Based on the outcome of the Desktop Study, explore the possibility of developing an outline for a framework of an Arctic regional action plan on marine litter.
- ✓ Explore collaboration with UNEP/GPA on marine litter such as possibly:
 - Joining the Global Partnership on Marine Litter <http://unep.org/gpa/gpml/>;
 - Nominating experts to the Advisory Group for the Assessment; and,
 - Joining the Global Campaign on Marine Litter.

Year	date	Action
2017	September	PAME II-2017/First expert group meeting
	October	Develop a submission form/template for literature and send out
		Message in a bottle preparation work
	November	Finalize outline of Desktop Study, including categorization/grouping
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to submit/resubmit literature as per template. (20 Nov) • 1st draft of Sections I and II (Demian)
	December	Terms of Reference with Grid-Arendal for Section III (including its five sub-sections), finalized and signed.
2018	January	1 st draft of the Desktop Study (Sections I, II and III) and communication products submitted to PAME I-2018 and ML-EG members for written comments. <u>Communication/Outreach:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of litter graphics site on PAME website • Status and next steps on “Message in a Bottle”
	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th Feb: ML-EG pre-meeting discussions on status and next steps • 12-14 Feb: PAME I-2018 meeting: comments/inputs received ML Co-leads to revise Desktop Study based on comments and submit to the writers on Sections I, II and III.

		Provide summary of status and timeline to SAOs for comments/guidance.
	March	<p>15th of Mar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “zero” draft for Section III From Grid-Arendal • Revised/updated Sections I and II (Demian) <p>21-23 Mar: Summary of status and progress to SAOs, as relevant</p> <p>Co-leads to revise based on submissions (above) and sent out to PAME and ML-EG for comments/input by mid-April.</p> <p>Preparation of ML video</p>
	April	<p>15th of April: Desktop Study revised draft distributed to PAME and ML-EG</p> <p>30th of Apr: 1st draft for Section III</p>
	May	<p>Late May/Early June (TBC): ML Workshop with the aim to facilitate inputs to the development of the Desktop Study, taking into account new developments and information as relevant.</p> <p>ML Co-leads to update the Desktop Study based on inputs from the workshop and start populating a list of possible recommendations/actions and send out to PAME members, ML-EG and other AC WG for comments.</p>
	June-Aug	<p>Prepare the final draft of the Desktop Study based on comments received for submission to PAME II-2018.</p> <p>Release of a ML-project video</p>
	September	PAME-II 2018 meeting
	October	Provide summary of status to SAOs for comments/guidance.
	December	Desktop Study final draft ready
2019	February	PAME I-2019 meeting - Desktop Study finalized and next steps/Phase II
	March	Approval by SAOs
	April	Layout and printing
	May	Desktop Study including its recommendations/strategic action submitted for approval by Ministers