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Fishing for Litter Baltic Sea



- ~ Marine litter has not been considered an important issue among Baltic Sea states. Not more than 15% of the waste floats up along the beaches while at least 85% stays at sea
- ~ In 2007 HELCOM published an evaluation of the marine litter situation in the Baltic Sea
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- ~ The results underlined a need for harmonized measuring methods in the region.

- ~ HELCOM decided in March 2008 to recommend its member states to harmonize methods for analysis and reporting of marine litter found on beaches.
- ~ The organisation also encouraged all states to work together with local authorities to raise public awareness on the effects of marine littering.



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- ~ The aim of the Baltic Marine Litter Campaign is to raise awareness of marine litter in the Baltic Sea among policy makers and other relevant stakeholders, to facilitate the harmonization of policies on the issue and to develop potential solutions.
- ~ Marine litter is a tangible but unnecessary environmental problem. It is a problem that can be minimized with relatively small means.

- ~ The primary target groups of the project are decision makers and civil servants in coastal municipalities, fishing industry, ports, relevant national authorities and politicians in Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia
- ~ Via HELCOM, all Baltic Sea states will be informed about the project and its activities.



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- ~ Boats are issued with large hard wearing bags
- ~ Collect marine litter caught in their nets during the length of the trip
- ~ Bags are deposited on the quayside at the designated site
- ~ Waste is removed and disposed of by a waste management company or local authority

- ~ The project is planned to start in October 2009 and end March 2013, a total of 42 months.
- ~ Contracting: October 1 - December 31, 2009
- ~ Implementation: January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2012
- ~ Closure: January 1, 2013 - March 31, 2013

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