



# Sea-based Sources of Marine Litter

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## SEA-BASED SOURCES OF MARINE LITTER

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# IMO & FAO, UNEP

- Shipping
- Fishing
- Aquaculture
- LC/LP waste streams
- Other sources

# R&S 108: Principal Findings



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- Substantial body of science-based evidence
  - In particular for shipping and fishing as sources
- Data variable in type/category (not standardized)
- Geographic gaps preclude global assessments
- Data are informing mitigation/prevention
- Assessments of interventions are increasing



# WG 43 – Phase II



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Developed by the  
Scientific Groups of the LC/LP Parties

- Methodologies and technologies to measure and reduce plastic in LC/LP waste streams.
- Microplastics in anti-fouling paint and hull coatings, including geographic hotspots for application and removal
- Scrapping and abandonment of FRP vessels

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Developed by the  
Food & Agriculture Organization

- Costs/benefits of ALDFG\* and dFAD recovery
- Optimal monitoring programmes for ALDFG
- Causal links between Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and ALDFG.

\*Abandoned, Lost and Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear





# Thank You

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