

Marine Litter

We can take care of it!

Different kind of marine litter can be found in the seas: from kitchen waste through fishing nets to drifting oil. Not all waste can be recycled but there is definitely high potential in marine litter.



Join us and make a difference

WFO will be present at the coastal water all over Europe. Our sponsors will have visibility and a chance to identify themselves with an initiative that represents joint forces of several European countries. That will help us to broaden our activities in different European regions, raise awareness and improve WFO impact. We hope to have you with us in the near future.

If you are interested in becoming a WFO sponsor please contact us directly: alvaro.fernandez@wastefreeoceans.eu

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WFO WASTE FREE OCEANS

Foreword



Anna Rosbach MEP

WFO Foundation is steered by chairwoman and MEP Mrs. Anna Rosbach (Denmark) who has played an instrumental role in establishing this initiative. EU Commissioner Maria Damanaki (Maritime Affairs and Fisheries) has already lent her support to the [Waste Free Oceans](#) initiative back in September of 2010.

The EU plastic converting and recycling industry has engaged [WasteFreeOceans](#) to start initiatives collecting floating plastic marine debris from European coastlines with the support of the European fishing community. Aim is to bring all the collected plastic material to the European plastics recycling industry so that it can be used for producing raw materials and finished articles or products. We will perform tests only in hotspots where floating waste is accumulating.



Bernard Merx
WFO Project Manager

The General Concept



[Waste Free Oceans](#) is an industry-led initiative with the aim of reducing floating marine debris on Europe's coastlines and waters by 2020. Using existing fishing trawls and new technology, [WFO](#) will engage the Europe's fishing community in cleaning up floating marine debris and bring it back to land for recycling and sorting. The time has come to act together in tackling this growing problem and ensuring the health and purity of Europe's coastal waters.



Marine Litter Solutions

There are many factors that have contributed to a rise in marine litter: poor waste management practices in ports and marinas, dumping by ships and vessels, not to mention general public attitudes towards littering are all reasons for this growing problem. The implications of an increase in marine litter are far reaching - affecting both human health and the ecosystem. Although this is a global issue it is time for Europe to show leadership in solving this problem.



The [Waste Free Oceans](#) Foundation has initiated this marine litter project in order to provide a solution to the problem of floating marine debris.

Boats outfitted with a special trawl will be able to collect between 2-8 tones of waste (per trawl) for cleaning & recycling.

