



HELCOM Recommendation Proper handling of waste/landfilling

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Baltic Sea	
Geographical area targeted:	Baltic Sea
Scale of Implementation:	European
Commencement Date:	2003-06-23
End Date	open
Objectives:	Prevention of waste from entering the aquatic environment
Type of Initiative:	Command- and Control measures Investment in infrastructure and equipment
Type of Marine Litter targeted:	All
Location of the litter targeted:	All
Land based sources targeted:	Individuals Solid waste managers and companies Industry and Businesses
Sea based sources targeted	None
Brief Description of the Initiative:	<p>RECOMMENDS that the Governments of all the Contracting Parties for existing landfills within the Baltic Sea catchment area take measures as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) existing landfills not fulfilling the criteria of proper landfilling practices required for obtaining a permit should be closed, or restored in accordance with the national legislation; b) existing landfills which have been nationally granted a permit and do not implement proper handling of waste should be brought in line with the requirements of national legislation or closed down as soon as possible, <p>RECOMMENDS FURTHER that the Governments of all the Contracting Parties take measures as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the amount of waste to be landfilled should be minimised and its hazard level to the environment and human health should be decreased through introduction and wide implementation of waste separation, pre-treatment and recycling; b) national legislation should be upgraded and enforced in order to reach proper handling of waste and proper landfilling practices and to prevent illegal waste dumping as defined in EC Council Directive 1999/31/EC; c) proper landfilling should be implemented with regard to location, design, construction of new landfills and their operation, closure and aftercare phases; d) the environmental risk of already closed landfills should be assessed and pollution prevention measures should be implemented. Both the procedures must be in accordance with national legislation and in proportion to the possible environmental threat,

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	RECOMMENDS FURTHER that the Contracting Parties should report to the HELCOM Commission on implementation of this Recommendation in 2006 and every three years thereafter.
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