



## Study on land-sourced litter in the marine environment

Case Studies collected by the International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas. Berlin, 10- 12 April 2013

Other	
Geographical area targeted:	North Sea, Baltic Sea, Mediterranean
Scale of Implementation:	European
Commencement Date:	2011-04-01
End Date	2012-01-15
Objectives:	
Type of Initiative:	Research and Development
Type of Marine Litter targeted:	All Plastic waste
Location of the litter targeted:	Coastal area Seashore/Beach River banks
Land based sources targeted:	All
Sea based sources targeted	None
Brief Description of the Initiative:	<p>The plastics industry in Germany, Austria and Switzerland is joining forces against land-sourced litter in the marine environment. On the basis of the "Declaration of the Global Plastics Associations for Solutions on Marine Litter" (<a href="http://www.marinelittersolutions.com">www.marinelittersolutions.com</a>), BKV, IK, Swiss Plastics and FCIO commissioned the "Study on Land-sourced Litter in the Marine Environment", which was prepared by Öko-Institut e.V., Darmstadt, Germany.</p> <p>The objective of the study was to carry out a literature review in order to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) gather available data on quantities, composition and sources of land-sourced litter in the North Sea, the Baltic Sea and the Mediterranean,</li> <li>2) display possible fields of research and reduction measures of different stakeholders in the field of land-sourced litter,</li> <li>3) pave the way for sound impact assessment of reduction measures.</li> </ol> <p>Öko-Institut was commissioned to study existing literature, focusing its attention on three European seas, i.e. North Sea, Baltic Sea and the Mediterranean. All the available studies regarding land-sourced litter were collected and analysed. In order to develop a scientifically founded basis for taking specific measures to avoid further dumping, this particular factor was closely examined.</p> <p>The report has not considered other factors, such as ecological impact, the part that legislation has to play, or the significance of education and behavior.</p>
Responsible organizations:	BKV GmbH Platform for Plastics and Recovery (Germany), IK Industrievereinigung Kunststoffverpackungen e.V. (Germany), Swiss

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