

## **MARLIN -Baltic Marine Litter**

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Baltic Sea	
Geographical area targeted Scale of	Name of Country (or Countries) and of Region/State or Municipality, if it would not be a national initiative National
Implementation:	
Commencement Date:	2011-09-01
End Date	2013-12-31
Objectives:	Understanding the problem
	Raising Awareness
Type of Initiative:	Education and Outreach Litter monitoring
Type of Marine Litter targeted:	All
Location of the litter targeted:	Coastal area Seashore/Beach River banks
Land based sources targeted:	Individuals
Sea based sources targeted:	Ships



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Brief Description of the Initiative:	The Baltic Marine Litter Project, MARLIN, is a two-year (2012-2013) project that aims to assess and compare the situation regarding the amount and sources of marine litter on the shores of the Baltic Sea. 25 key areas around the Baltic Sea are monitored. The shores are assessed three times a year in differens seasons by using methods described in the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) guidelines. The litter found on the shores is carefully analysed by amount and type. Owing to the standardised assessment method, the results are, for the first time comparable both for the various regions of the Baltic Sea and globally. The new knowledge of marine litter is believed to be of value to the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. Raising awareness and changing attitudes are crucial for the ultimate goal to reduce littering. The Marlin project run several campaigns in order to put marine litter on the political and public agenda. www.projectmarlin.eu
Responsible organisations:	Keep Sweden Tidy
Partner organizations	Keep The Archipelago Tidy, Keep Estonia Sea Tidy, FEE Lativa
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Project URL and Other Sources of Information:	www.hsr.se



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