

ARCTIC MARINE LITTER WORKSHOP

5-6 June 2018 - Hof Cultural Center - Akureyri – Iceland

AGENDA

Aim of workshop: To facilitate inputs to the development of the desktop study, taking into account new developments and information as relevant. The workshop agenda is based around the main sections of the desktop study, in addition to several short presentations.

Workshop Chair: Magnús Jóhannesson

Moderator: Thomas Maes

Expected outcome: Recommendations for next steps (that can feed into the development of the desktop study) and a summary workshop report.



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TUESDAY 5 JUNE

Registration
08:30 - 09:00

SESSION I: OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP 09:00 - 09:30

- Opening remarks
 - Eiríkur Björn Björgvinsson, *Mayor of Akureyri*
 - Guðmundur Ingi Guðbrandsson, *Minister for the Environment and Natural Resources*
- Overview of desktop study outline and timeline (co-leads)
- Introduction of participants (tour de table)

SESSION II: MAIN LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORKS 09:30 - 10:30

09:30 - 09:45 **Demian A. Schane** - Deputy Chief, Alaska Section, NOAA, Office of General Counsel: *Status and emerging trends of the legislative framework*

Opportunities and options to strengthen and/or coordinate relevant legislative frameworks with particular relevance to the Arctic

09:45 - 10:00 **Heidi Savelli-Soderberg** - Programme Officer for the Communication Education Training, UNEP Regional Office for North America

10:00 - 10:30 **Discussions and inputs from participants** - including potential recommendations (to feed into Session IV)

Coffee Break
10:30 - 11:00

SESSION III: MARINE LITTER LITERATURE 11:00 - 17.00

11:00 - 11:15 **Joan Fabres** - Grid-Arendal
Status and emerging trends as per the literature categories.

The growing threat of marine litter

- 11:15 - 11:30 • **Geir Wing Gabrielsen** - Norwegian Polar Institute
- 11:30 - 11:45 • **Sarah Da Silva** - Senior Program Officer for Environment and Climate Change Canada.

11:45 - 12:30 **Discussions and inputs from participants** - including potential recommendations (to feed into Session IV).

Lunch
12:30 - 13:30

**Session III (a): Sources: Origin of plastic both within
and outside the Arctic**

13:30 - 15:00

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- 13:30 - 13:45 • **Demian Schane** - On behalf of the Circumpolar Conservation Union
- 13:45 - 14:05 • **Dr. Wouter Jan Strietman** - Arctic Marine Litter Project,
Wageningen Economic Research, The Hague
- 14:05 - 14:25 • **Jessica Veldstra** - Aleut International Association
- 14:25 - 15:00 **Discussions and inputs from participants** - including potential
recommendations (to feed into Session IV).

Coffee Break

15:00 - 15:30

Session III (b): Impacts of Marine Litter

15:30 - 16:45

Facilitator: Thomas Maes, Cefas

- 15:30 - 15:45 • **Dr. Maria Granberg** - Microplastics in Arctic coastal marine
systems– understanding the roles of local and remote pollution
sources, IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute
- 15:45 - 16:00 • **Peter Murphy** - Regional Coordinator – Alaska, NOAA Marine
Debris Program / Genwest, Office of Response and Restoration
- 16:00 - 16:15 • **Nicole Kanayurak** - Inuit Circumpolar Council, Impact to Inuit
Communities
- 16:15 - 16:45 **Discussions and inputs from participants** - including potential
recommendations (to feed into Session IV).

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16:45

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17:00 - 20:00

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Summary from day 1

09:00 - 09:15

Session III (c): Pathways and distribution

09:15 - 10:30

Facilitator: Thomas Maes, Cefas

- 09:15 - 09:30 • **Dr. Melanie Bergmann** - Senior Scientist, Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research
- 09:30 - 09:45 • **Hrönn Ólína Jörundsdóttir** - Chief Infrastructure Officer (CIO), MATÍS and Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D Institute
- 09:45 - 10:30 **Discussions and inputs from participants** - including potential recommendations (to feed into Session IV).
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Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:00

Session III (d): Response Activities

11:00 - 12:30

Facilitator: Thomas Maes, Cefas

- 11:00 - 11:15 • **Heidi Savelli-Soderberg** - Programme Officer for the Communication Education Training, UNEP Regional Office for North America (Global platform on Marine Litter)
- 11:15 - 11:30 • **Charlotte Mogensen** - OSPAR Deputy Secretary, OSPAR Marine Litter regional action plan
- 11:30 - 11:45 • **Bård Aarbakke** - Network manager, Clean Nordic Oceans (CNO)
- 11:45 - 12:00 • **Sarah Auffret** - Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Discussions and inputs from participants** - including potential recommendations (to feed into Session IV).
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Lunch

12:30 - 13:30

SESSION IV: RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

13:30 - 15:00

- Summary of discussions based on inputs from participants (Thomas Maes, Cefas)
- Additional inputs by participants
- Summary by the chair and next steps (project co-leads)

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