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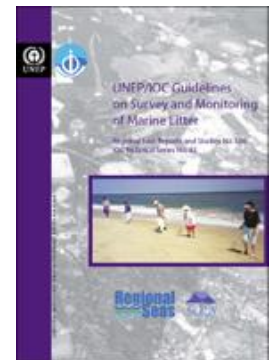
Marine Litter: A Global Challenge

This report was prepared within the UNEP Global Initiative on Marine Litter, under a collaborative partnership between the Ocean Conservancy and UNEP. It aims to provide an overview of the status of marine litter in UNEP-assisted Regional Seas, based on the analysis of regional review, and regional action plan documents prepared in the regions. It makes a comparative analysis of all available materials and draws conclusions regarding the state of marine litter at the global and regional levels, and concludes that there is an urgent need to approach the issue of marine litter through better enforcement of laws and regulations, expanded outreach and educational campaigns and the employment of strong economic instruments and incentives. It proposes general, and also some specific recommendations for fourteen different issues regarding marine litter.



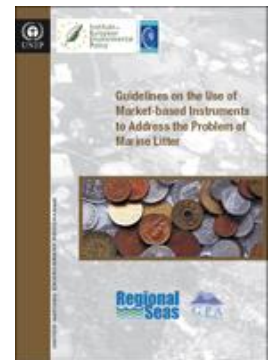
UNEP/IOC Guidelines on Survey and Monitoring of Marine Litter

These guidelines prepared under a collaborative partnership between the IOC of UNESCO and UNEP, aim to assist policy makers and efforts by regions, countries, Regional Seas Programmes and other relevant organizations and institutions to address the problem of monitoring and assessment of marine litter. The guidelines include a comparative analysis of information from around the world on existing experiences and methods for surveys, monitoring, reporting protocols and assessment of marine litter.



Guidelines on the Use of Market-based Instruments to Address the Problem of Marine Litter

This report aims to be a practical reference to decision makers and relevant organizations on how to select, apply and implement economic tools (also referred to as market based instruments) to address problems related to marine litter. The report will also assist policy makers in deciding whether the conditions are favorable and which economic tools could potentially be effective.



Abandoned, Lost or Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear

This report prepared under a collaborative partnership between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and UNEP profiles a variety of measures currently being taken to reduce abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG). It reviews the magnitude and composition of ALDFG, and while noting that information is not comprehensive and does not allow for any global estimates, suggests that gill nets and fishing traps/pots may be the most common type of ALDFG. It concludes by making a number of recommendations for future action to reduce ALDFG be it on a mandatory and/or voluntary basis.



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