



Doc 23.4.6 Draft Resolution on the Management of Marine Debris



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Marine Debris Reviews

Resolution 10.4 instructed the Council to undertake three reviews:

- Inf.10.4.1: Migratory Species, Marine Debris and its Management
- Inf.10.4.2: Marine Debris and Commercial Marine Vessel Best Practice
- Inf.10.4.3: Marine Debris Public Awareness and Education Campaigns



Draft Resolution – Management of Marine Debris

- Based on the recommendations of the three reports
- Was consulted on throughout CMS Family before submission to Council
- General approach: make use of and improve existing mechanisms and initiatives



Draft Resolution

- Covers three main themes:
 - Knowledge gaps related to impacts, sources, pathways etc.
 - Best practice for commercial marine vessels
 - Public awareness and education campaigns



Requested Party Action

- Engage with other relevant Conventions and marine initiatives
- Establish monitoring programmes
- Implement cost-effective measures
 - Plastic bag levies
 - Deposit-refund systems
- Encourage public awareness
- Influence industry to create a Clean Shipping Index

Future Action

- Review the Draft Resolution
- Consider national position based on:
 - Ability and willingness to adopt requested actions
 - Prominence and dependence of native migratory species

