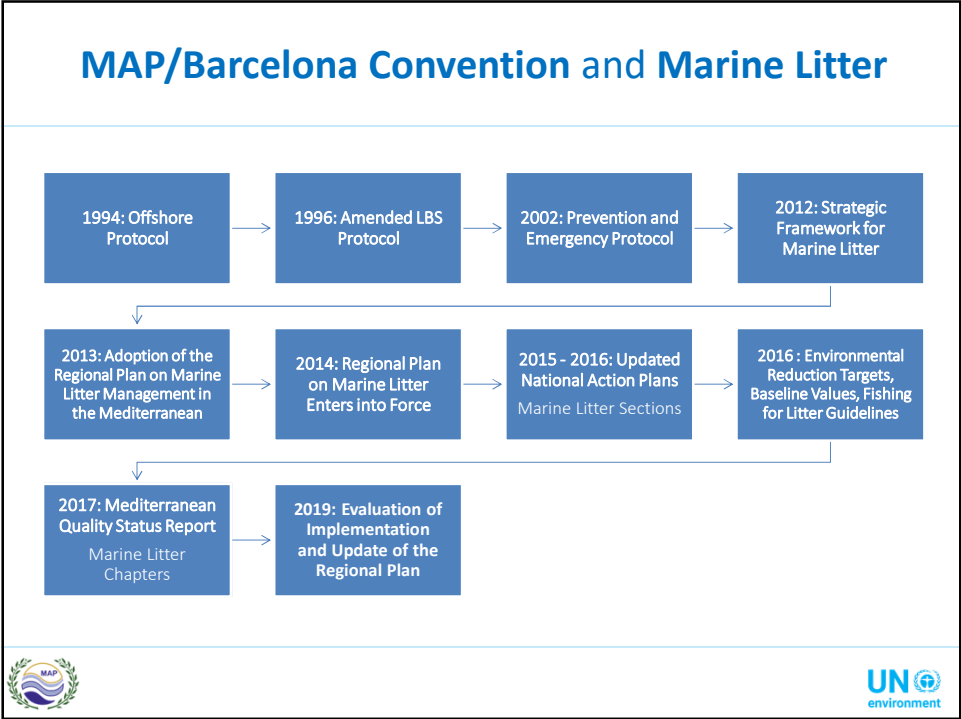




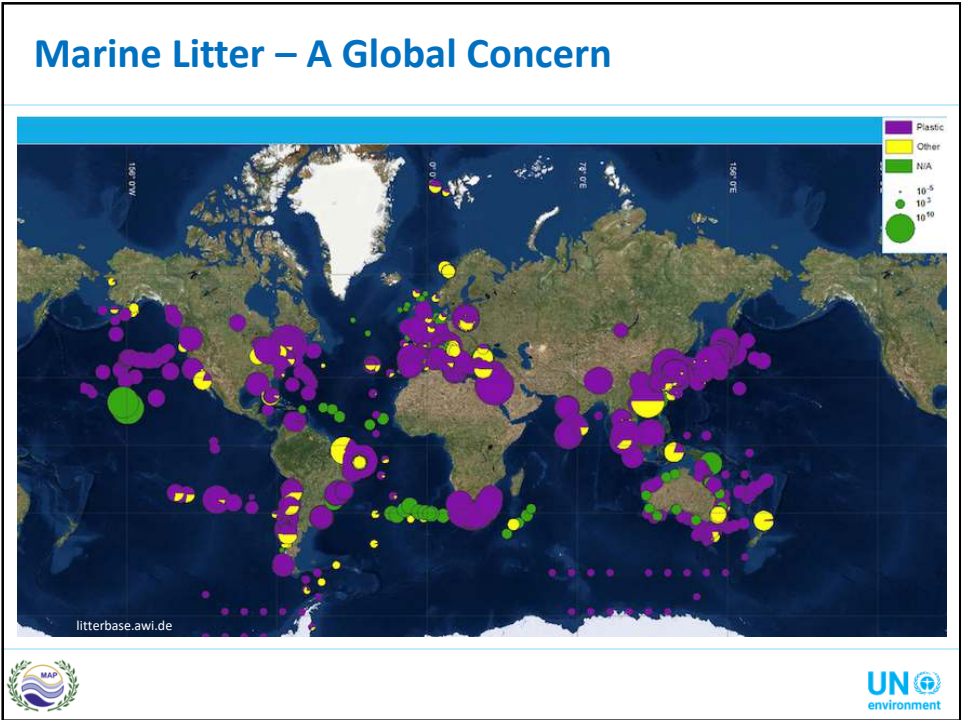
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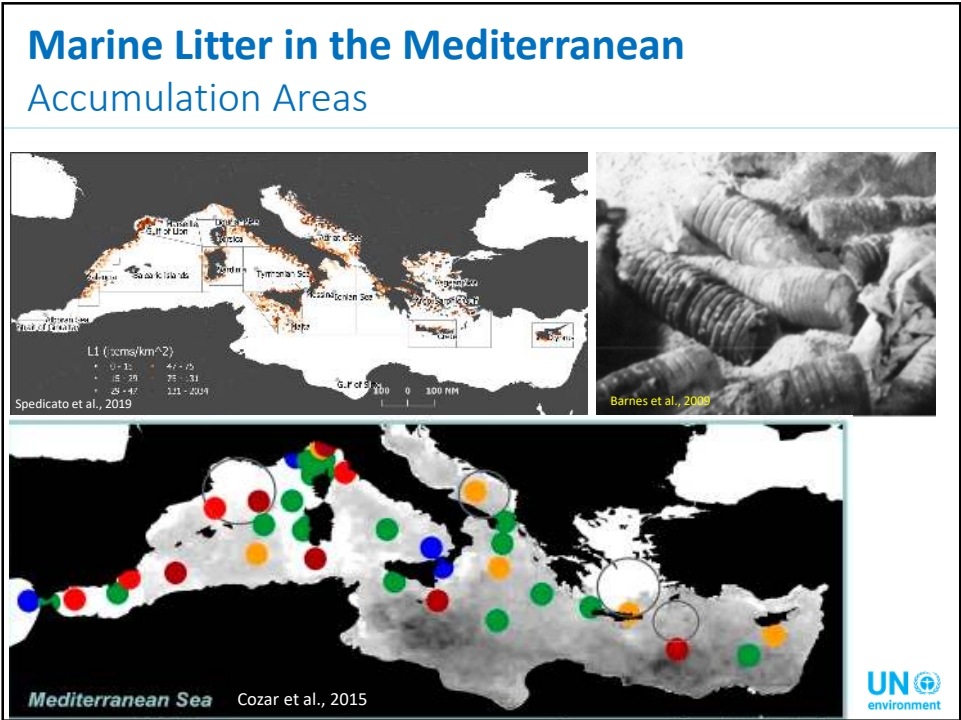
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## Marine Litter in the Mediterranean

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## Mediterranean Response

Regional Plan on Marine Litter  
Management  
in the Mediterranean

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# Mediterranean Response

## Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean

integration measures reduction prevention removal  
disposal assessment monitoring research science  
guidelines cooperation assistance awareness  
education stakeholders civil society reporting

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## Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean Achievements

- Development and Implementation of National Monitoring Programmes (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia)
- 19 National Action Plans/Programmes of Measures addressing marine litter;
- Banning of single-use plastic bags in 17 Mediterranean Countries (Regulations/National Laws including total and partial bans, taxes/levies);
- 8 Mediterranean Countries – Legislations and Policies for Recycling;
- More than 20 Marine Litter Pilots in 9 Countries;
- Civil Society & NGO Involvement

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## Common Approaches


### Marine Litter Best Practices

- Identification of key reduction and prevention measures;
- Focusing on marine litter prevention and reduction – tackling priority marine litter items;
- Pilots Project Implementation;
- Guidelines ensuring Coherent and Consistent Implementation;
- Expand in geographical scale and impact;
- Multi Stakeholder Participation, Civil Society, Research – Academia;
- Regional Meetings (2018 and 2019) for exchange of best practices and lessons learnt;
- Communication and Awareness Raising

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## Mediterranean Marine Litter Node

<http://gpmlmednode.org/>



**THE MEDITERRANEAN MARINE LITTER NODE**

Aim to lead to enhance awareness on marine litter prevention and reduction, develop best practices, promote the exchange of information and knowledge, establish networks and synergies with the related partners involved in the GPML.

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The Mediterranean Sea is one of the areas most affected by Marine Litter worldwide. Indeed, its densely populated, very urbanized coasts accommodate 20% of all maritime traffic and highly developed tourism. Coastal landfills and discharges, industrial and urban effluents, tourism, shipping...

Furthermore, rivers and floodwaters carry litter from other inland areas, and because of the basin's limited exchanges with other oceans, the litter accumulates inside the basin. Poor practices of solid waste management, wastewater collection and treatment, lack of infrastructure and public awareness aggravate the situation substantially.

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## Marine Litter Challenges

- Involvement of Plastic Industry;
- Sustainable Procurement Policies and Voluntary Agreements;
- National Policies for Priority Single-Use Plastic Items;
- Fisheries Sector vs Marine Litter;
- Closure of Illegal Dump Sites;
- Additional Guidelines Addressing Prevention and Reduction Guidelines;
- Enhance Science-Policy Interface;
- Strengthening ownership of initiatives

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- ✓ Strengthening National Implementation of the Regional Plan
- ✓ Upgrade the Regional Plan with additional measures (MPAs, Circular Economy) and a focus on microplastics
- ✓ Engagement of Plastic Industry and Private Sector
- ✓ Maximizing Synergies with Global Actions (GPA, G7, G20, etc.)
- ✓ Effective implementation of IMAP (Marine Litter Cluster) → updated marine assessments
- ✓ Enhance regional cooperation → expansion of the Regional Cooperation Platform
- ✓ Local Level: pilot implementation, involvement of civil society and local authorities

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## Marine Litter: towards the 2020-2021 biennia



- Core theme of COP21
- Ministerial Declaration
- Decision on Regional Marine Litter Guidelines;
- Decision to Upgrade the Regional Plan: microplastics
- Series of Side Events on Marine Litter



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## Thank you



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