



Seas at Risk Newsletter, Wednesday 11th September 2013

Dear Subscriber,

Welcome back after the holiday season to another issue of the SAR newsletter.

Summer 2013 has seen a wealth of activities focusing on marine litter, with SAR members across Europe organising beach cleanups at local level. It is encouraging to see the large numbers of volunteers that are joining in to help.

Marine litter is also the focus of two studies commissioned by SAR to the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP). The studies, now available online, identify ways to make EU legislation more effective to tackle the fight against marine litter on land, at sea and in ports.

In addition, you will also find out about the online survey launched by the Global Ocean Commission. Through this survey you can provide direct feed-back to the United Nations General Assembly on how to reverse degradation of the ocean and restore it to full, sustainable productivity.

With best wishes,

The Seas At Risk team.

Tackling the plastic soup: cleaning up beaches across Europe

Every year in August and September, volunteers across Europe devote part of their time to clean up beaches and coastal areas in their neighborhood. This summer, many members of Seas At Risk have organised cleanup days with activities wrapping up in the third week-end of September (20-22nd), coinciding with "Cleanup the World Day".

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What the EU can do to stop marine litter - New study out now

There is no easy way to tackle the issue of marine litter: it is complicated and has many causes, impacts and inputs. As a high percentage of marine litter comes from land based sources, EU legislation is possibly the best way to address the problem and look for solutions.

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Port Reception Facilities – how to prevent ship-sourced marine litter

The Port Reception Facilities (PRF) Directive is due to be reviewed by 2014, and Seas At Risk has been working with IEEP to identify how the Directive can be improved to effectively tackle a significant source of marine litter.

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Disastrous vote on EU subsidies: EP allocates public money to fund overfishing

Brussels, 10th July 2013 --- Undermining the recent EU agreement on the reformed Common Fisheries Policy to end overfishing (CFP), the Fisheries Committee of the European Parliament today voted to restore EU subsidies for



building new fishing vessels.

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Two-wheeled activists race to save the Baltic Sea

Brussels, 7th August 2013 --- On the 8th June, World Ocean Day, cyclists from the Race for the Baltic team left Malmö on a 3-month journey cycling 3500km of Baltic Sea coastline across nine countries.

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MCS launches Scottish public consultation on marine litter

SAR member the Marine Conservation Society is calling for members of the public to respond to a public consultation run by the Scottish Government on a draft marine litter strategy.

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Righting the Ocean Wrongs – survey to guide UN work on ocean protection

The Global Ocean Commission (GOC) – an independent commission aimed at tackling issues facing the high seas - is seeking views on how to reverse degradation of the oceans and restore them to full, sustainable productivity.

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