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## 24.4.1 Marine Debris

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- The largest component of marine debris is plastic, making up over three quarters of total quantities
- Macroplastics
  - The two major associated risks for marine species are entanglement in and ingestion of marine debris
  - An estimated ten per cent of global marine litter is “ghost gear” or abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG)



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- Microplastics
  - Generally defined as items smaller than 5mm
  - Some are manufactured as such (primary microplastics), others are fragments from disintegrating larger pieces (secondary microplastics)
  - Act as 'sponges' removing and concentrating contaminants from the water, leading to bioaccumulation in food chain



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- The CMS COP previously adopted two resolutions on marine debris
- These were consolidated in Doc.21.2.13
- In order to and incorporate recent developments, Doc.24.4.1 proposes revisions to the consolidated version
- Proposed new text is underlined
- Text to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~
- Existing, already adopted, text should not be renegotiated



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- Brought in line with UNEA Resolution 2/11 on Marine Plastic Litter and Microplastics (2016)
- Changes to the preamble: to update and make more comprehensive
- Operative part:
  - Short term: minimize marine litter inputs through improved waste collection and management
  - Longer-term: more circular economy, in which waste, including plastic waste, is minimized by being designed out of the production cycle (the UN Environment 6Rs concept: Reduce – Redesign – Remove – Re-use – Recycle – Recover)
  - Expand recommendations on microplastics and ALDFG



# CMS and UNEA3

- UNEA3 main theme is “Pollution Free Planet”;
- Marine Litter is a key item on UNEA3 agenda;
- CMS Family made inputs to UNEA3 Outline Declaration on various issues including Marine Litter;
- CMS Family developed background document that:
  - provides overview of its efforts to tackle various forms of pollution affecting wildlife
  - supports discussions at Leadership Dialogue Breakfast to be chaired by UN Environment Executive Director in the margins of COP12 (22 October, Manila) on linkages between COP agenda and UNEA3



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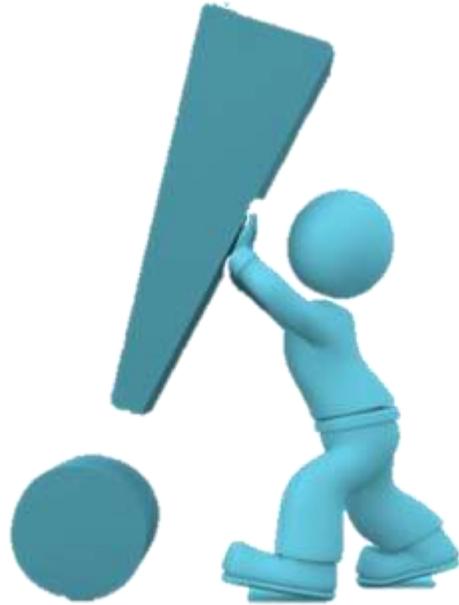


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