



# The effect of marine litter on fisheries and oceans

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## SPEAKERS

<p><b>Massimo Paolucci,</b>  <b>Member of the European Parliament (MEP)</b></p> 	<p>Born 58 years ago in a working-class neighbourhood of Naples. The experience of political militancy began very early, in the '70s with the PCI (Italian Communist Party). In 1993 he was elected as a Member of Naples Municipal Council. He has been a Member of the Naples Municipal Executive from 1995 to 2001.</p> <p>From 2001 to 2004 he served as Government Commissioner. In 2006 he was the Municipal Councillor for the Democrats of the Left, who got the most votes in Naples.</p> <p>From 2006 to 2007 he also held the position of Provincial Secretary of the Democrats of the Left. In 2013 he was elected Member of the national Parliament in the lists of the Democratic Party. In 2014, again on the Democratic Party lists, he was elected Member of the European Parliament in the constituency of Southern Italy.</p> <p>He has been Deputy-leader of the delegation of the Democratic Party. He has a wife, Pasqualina, and two sons, Elena and Mario.</p>
<p><b>Joanna Toole,</b>  <b>Fishing Operations and Technology Branch, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</b></p> 	<p>Joanna Toole has an academic background in animal behaviour and wildlife biology but has become increasingly specialised in marine conservation issues throughout her career. Joanna currently works in the Fishing Operations and Technology Branch of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) where her key focus is advancing FAO's work on abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG). Joanna manages a number of projects which FAO have implemented to address the contribution of fisheries to the marine debris issue and over the last two years Joanna has been involved in the development of FAO's recently adopted Voluntary Guidelines for the Marking of Fishing Gear which are considered to be an important tool in efforts to prevent ALDFG. Joanna represents FAO on the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Marine Litter (GPML) and is currently co-chairing this Committee. Joanna has an NGO background and in previous roles led the formation of the Global Ghost Gear Initiative (GGGI), a cross-sectoral alliance dedicated to addressing the global problem of ALDFG and has also worked on microplastic and macroplastic issues for other NGOs.</p>

**Christine Haffner-Sifakis,**

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Christine Haffner-Sifakis works on UN Environment's Partnerships, Programmes & Policies with the European Commission other key stakeholders with a particular focus on bridging the programmatic and policy dimensions from the UN Environment Brussels Office. Prior to that she was coordinating UN Environment's GEF portfolio of transboundary international waters projects in Africa and has been strongly involved in supporting Regional ocean governance. Christine has been advising the European Commission services, the EIB, the World Bank on environment, development and investment issues, and worked in the UN Environment Mediterranean Action Programme on developing synergies and cross-sectoral collaboration in the Mediterranean through the UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention and the H2020 de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea. She holds a BA in Archeology and Anthropology from the University of Cambridge, and postgraduate degrees in Environmental Sciences (Université de Louvain), and Rural resources and environmental policy a (MSc.) from the University of London.

**Hæge Andenæs,**

**Director General,  
Norwegian Ministry of  
Climate and  
Environment**



Director General Hæge Andenæs is head of the Department for Marine Management and Pollution Control at the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment. Her responsibilities include integrated management plans of marine and polar areas and marine protected areas, chemicals and waste management including radioactive waste, industrial pollution control, circular economy and green public procurement. She is also responsible for the Ministry's EU affairs and environmental cooperation through the EEA agreement and for environment in trade policies. She is a lawyer and has a broad and long-standing experience in developing judicial, administrative and economic policy instruments and in furthering the implementation of international regulations.

**Nadia Moalla Gill,  
Head of RTDI  
Projects, Spanish  
Fishing Confederation  
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Nadia Moalla is the Head of RTDI projects of the Spanish Fishing Confederation (CEPESCA), organization which comprises up to 37 shipowners' associations and more than 800 fishing companies. Her work in CEPESCA focuses on creating the best conditions for a dynamic cooperation in technology, sustainability and innovation in the fishing industry with a more integrated management of marine resources.

Nadia holds a BSc degree in Environmental Sciences, BA in Social and Cultural Anthropology, and MSc in Business Excellence, Project Management and International Cooperation.

Since 2005 she works fostering sustainability and innovation in various public-private sectors related to Blue Growth: transport, international development, biodiversity, climate change, biotechnology, aquaculture and fisheries. With professional experience in Europe, Latin America and Africa, Nadia is also a member of the Spanish Observatory on Bioeconomy; CEPESCA's representative in the European Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel and coordinates the working group on Fishing Technologies at the Spanish Technological Platform for Fisheries and Aquaculture (PTEPA).

**Janica Borg,  
WWF European  
Policy Office**



Janica Borg is a marine biologist who started out as a professional diver in the Baltic Sea, and quickly became interested in how the nature around her is managed. She transitioned into policy making five years ago and is especially interested in the how we can better protect the marine ecosystems from anthropocentric threats, such as plastic pollution.

**Dr. Dominic Hogg,**

**Eunomia Research &  
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Dominic has more than 25 years' experience in the field of the environment as an academic, campaigner and consultant. He has considerable experience in ex ante and ex post policy appraisal, and has worked in policy related matters across a range of themes, including agriculture, water, waste, air pollution, climate change, energy and transport. He is an expert in regulatory changes on both the national and international level. Dominic is also an experienced workshop facilitator and has developed a global reputation for his expertise in a number of aspects of environmental policy, including articulation of the links between waste management and climate change, and the application of cost-benefit analysis and life cycle assessment in the same field.

He has considerable expertise in relation to the subject of plastics waste generation and management across the EU, and a keen appreciation of the types of policy measures that can be applied in this complex area. Dominic directed the 2014 Impact Assessment for DG Environment on Options Reviewing Targets in the Waste Framework Directive, Landfill Directive and Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive.

He also directed Eunomia's subsequent additional technical support to the Commission on issues related to the revised CEP, and the updating and enhancement of the European Reference Model on Municipal Waste Management.

He recently directed Eunomia's project for DG Environment on the 'Early Warning Mechanism' and the support for the 'Plastics Strategy', with a particular focus on the development of policy responses for improving the life cycle performance and increasing resource efficiency of plastics.