

Fishing For Litter



# Container Loss & The Fishing for Litter Scheme:

Challenges and opportunities for removal of (MSC Zoe's) lost containers and their contents

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A simple, effective initiative that aims to reduce marine litter through involvement of key stakeholders – the fishing industry, ports and harbours



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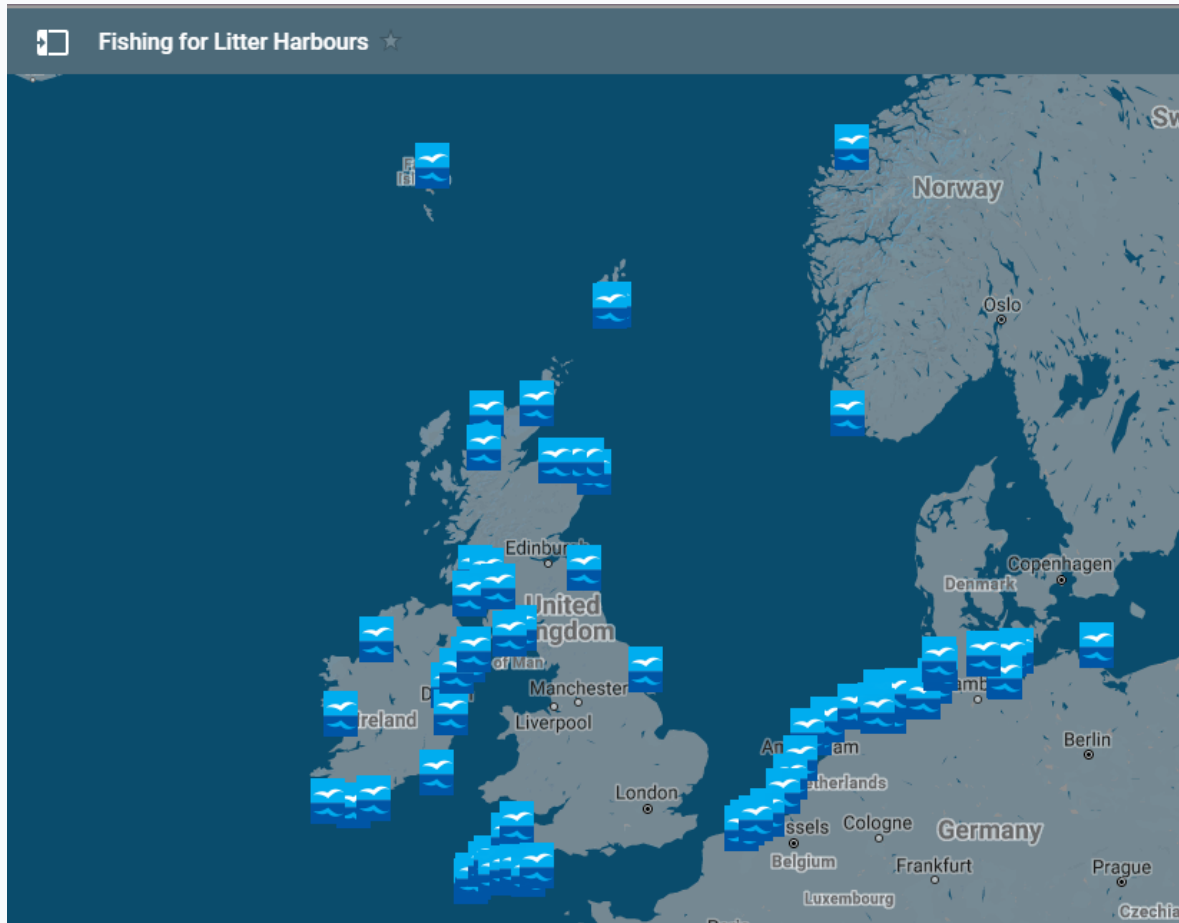
## From local to the international level: KIMO's Fishing for Litter scheme

- Fishermen collect marine litter caught in nets during normal fishing activity
- The litter is landed in ports, stored, removed and disposed of by the port authorities
- Participation is **voluntary** and **free of charge!**
- Started in 2001-2 with 10 ships in the port of Den Helder, the Netherlands
- Nowadays: >8 countries, 60 ports, 500 vessels, 5000+ tonnes of marine litter removed
- The initiative is now included as measure in:
  - OSPAR's Regional Action Plan &
  - EU's Port Reception Facility Directive





# The international dimension



Fishing for Litter  
in Europe

- Dutch FFL scheme: app. 300 tonnes of Marine litter annually  
MSC Zoe: thousands of (additional) tonnes of cargo (=litter) lost in northern part of Dutch North Sea
- This poses environmental threats and financial challenges to the environment, municipalities and the Fishing for Litter scheme
- Fishing for Litter could help, but measures and funds needed
- What to do with the cost of the (environmental) damage?  
⇒ *Ship owners and/or European Fund for compensation: Civil Liability Convention and International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds, Environmental Liability Directive (ELD)?*

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