Marine debris, plastics and microplastics

judged to be of minor significance at present, relative to other anthropogenic impacts.

In 2015, NAFO's Scientific Council revisited this issue in the context of a literature review that outlined anthropogenic activities other than fishing that are occurring or have the potential of occurring in the NAFO Convention. As regards litter and micropolastics, seven stressors with potential effects were identified. NAFO noted in September 2015 that only limited expertise is available in the Scientific Council to follow-up on many of these issues.

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