



7. Effective and efficient waste treatment options need to be developed to reduce the amount of debris leaking into the marine environment.
8. Research into increasing the economic value, quality and quantity of material that is reused and recycled is needed to reduce the amount of material



recorded and reported when lost. If properly enforced by flag States, this rule will help reduce the incidence of lost gear.

13. New Zealand is monitoring international developments and considering options in regard to microplastics, especially microbeads in cosmetics and personal care products. The New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority regulates and manages cosmetic products containing hazardous substances under the Cosmetic Products Group Standard. The Group Standard is closely aligned to the European Cosmetics Regulation and

- Convention on Biological Diversity: developing an information paper on
- Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution work on the sources, fate and effects of microplastics in the marine environment and
- Partnership on Marine Litter.

Develop approaches/strategies/best practices for monitoring and measuring the main