

Annex. Information on activities related to marine debris, plastics and microplastics by the Convention on Biological Diversity

INTRODUCTION

1. This contribution includes a description of the work carried out under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), within the framework of the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (annex I to decision VII/5), related to marine debris in response to requests by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its 11th meeting (decision XI/18).

2. *Executive Summary*

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EXPERT WORKSHOP TO PREPARE PRACTICAL GUIDANCE ON PREVENTING AND MITIGATING THE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS OF MARINE DEBRIS ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY AND HABITATS

3. Pursuant to paragraph 26 of decision XI/18 A, the Executive Secretary convened, with financial support from the European Commission, the Expert Workshop to Prepare Practical Guidance on Preventing and Mitigating the Significant Adverse Impacts of Marine Debris on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Habitats in Baltimore, United States of America, from 2 to 4 December 2014. This workshop focused on improving and sharing knowledge on marine debris and its impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats, and discussed practical guidance and toolkits to minimize and mitigate the significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats, in order to assist Parties and other Governments in applying management measures, as appropriate.

4. A background document addressing the development of practical guidance and toolkits to minimize and mitigate the significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity as well as a synthesis of submissions received

Population- and habitat-level effects;

Impacts on marine biodiversity and habitats in the deep-sea and seabed; and

Effects of trophic transfer of marine micro-debris in food webs.

7. The meeting report (UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/2) is available at:
<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MCBEM-2014-03>

8. This report will be submitted, for its consideration, at the forthcoming twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body of Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention, to be held in Montreal, Canada, from 25 to 30 April, 2016.