



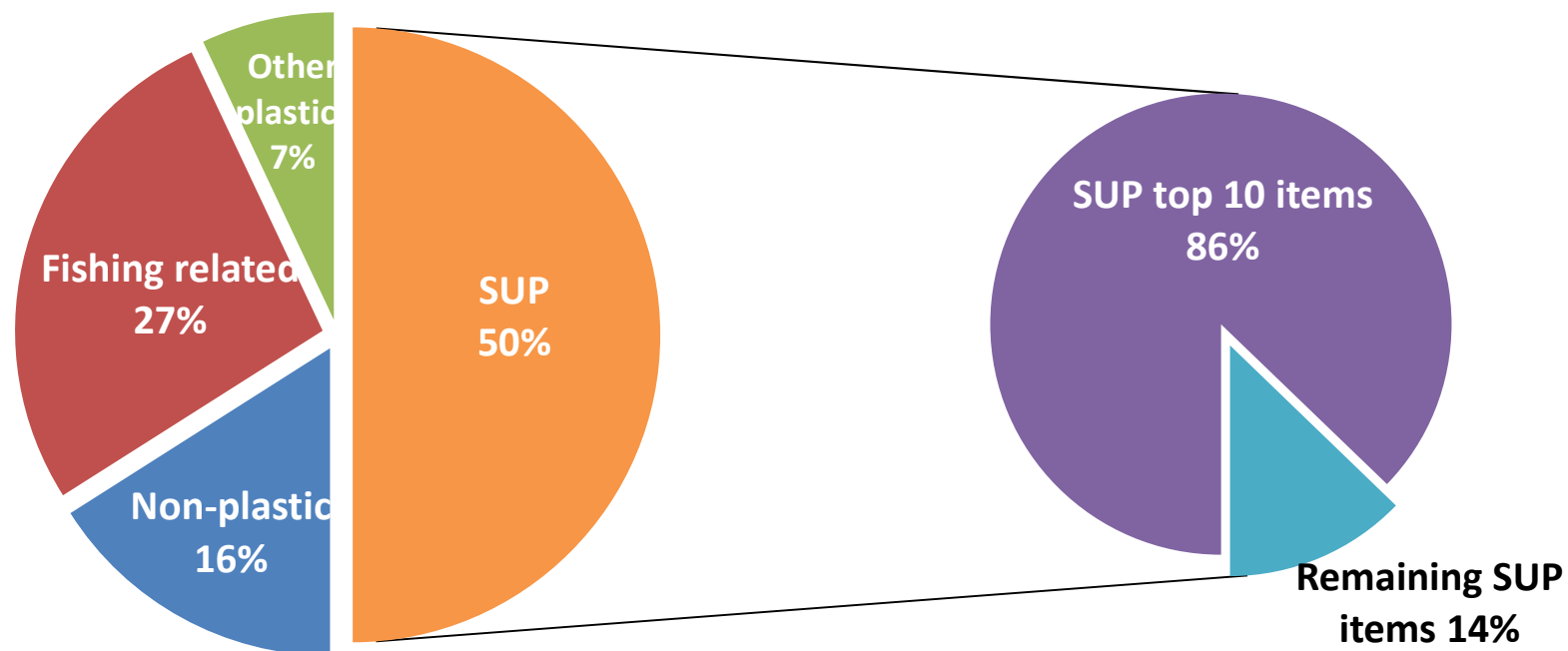
SINGLE USE PLASTICS DIRECTIVE AND FISHING FOR LITTER SCHEMES

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Directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (EU)2019/904





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- Member States to monitor and report to the Commission on the fishing gear – **by mid-2024**
 - *placed on the market of the MS*
 - *waste fishing gear collected*
 - > *COM implementing decision (EU) 2021/958*

- “Separate” collection of waste fishing gear

- COM to request the European standardisation organisation to develop harmonised standards relating to circular design of fishing gear – **by May 2024**
 - > *COM implementing decision M/574 of 10.2.2021*
 - > *voluntary standards*
 - > *technical, environmental, circular provisions*





Directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (EU)2019/904

- Extended producer responsibility schemes for producers of fishing gear containing plastic > *by end of 2024*
 - > cover separate collection, transport, treatment
 - > awareness raising measures
 - > definition of a “producer” (...): *that professionally manufactures, fills, sells or imports, irrespective of selling technique used (...) and places on the market of the MS fishing gear containing plastic” (...)*
 - > fishers excluded from the EPR schemes
- MS to establish national minimum annual collection targets of waste fishing gear > *by end of 2024*



A. Format for the reporting of data on fishing gear containing plastic placed on the market ⁽¹⁾

		Net panels made of thick twine ⁽²⁾ ($\varnothing > 1\text{mm}$)	Net panels made of thin twine ($\varnothing \leq 1\text{mm}$)	Other plastic-based gear or parts thereof	Non-plastic parts of gear ⁽³⁾	Buoys, floats, ropes
Total ⁽⁴⁾ = (tonnes)	A+B+C+D+E	A	B	C	D = I+K	E = F+J+L
Plastics total=	A+B+C+F	A	B	C		F
—Polypropylene (PP)						
—Polyethylene (PE)						
—High molecular polyethylene (HMPE)						
—Nylon						
—Other (PET, PVC, HDPE, EVA, etc.)						
—Mix of polymers						
Metals total	G = I+J				I	J
—Steel						
—Aluminium						
—Lead						
—Other metal or mixed metal						
Rubber total	H = K+L				K	L

B. Format for the reporting of data on waste fishing gear collected ⁽⁴⁾

	Total	Net panels made of thick twine ⁽⁵⁾ ($\text{Ø} > 1\text{mm}$)	Net panels made of thin twine ($\text{Ø} \leq 1\text{mm}$)	Other plastic-based gear or parts thereof	Non-plastic parts of gear ⁽⁶⁾	Buoys, floats, ropes
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Revised Port Reception Facilities Directive (EU)2019/883

- Alignment with MARPOL (Annexes I, II, IV, V and VI)
- Reduction of waste from ships at sea, through a mix of incentive and enforcement measures
 - Member States should set up adequate port reception facilities
 - Requirement on **all ships, incl. fishing vessels** and recreational craft, to deliver all their waste before departure
 - Cost Recovery system based on the **100% Indirect Fee**
 - Specific focus on marine litter from ships, *including* **waste from fishing vessels, waste fishing gear and passively fished waste.**

Improve the management of waste from ships in ports: adequate PRF to provide for separate collection, waste reception and handling plans, electronic reporting and exchange of information.



Fishing for litter schemes and litter collection activities

EMFF - 2014-2020

- Art. 41(a) – support for the collection of waste by fishermen from the sea such as the removal of lost fishing gear and marine litter
- Art. 43 – support to facilities for litter collection in ports
- At least 14 coastal MS committed in their OPs to the collection of marine litter
- 108 operations planned in the OPs by 2023 worth €50 million, of which more than €30 million from the Fund

EMFAF - 2021-2027

- Art. 25 (2) a&b - financial support for passive collection by fishers of lost fishing gear and marine litter from the sea and for investments in ports to provide adequate reception facilities for lost fishing gear and marine litter

> synergies with SUP and PRF Directives & close links with objectives (investments in PRF, waste, marine litter and fishing gear collection)





EMFF Blue economy projects under 2017 call (direct management)

Project	Short description	Countries
<u>marGnet: Mapping and recycling of marine litter and Ghost nets on the sea-floor</u>	marGnet will set up and test multi-level solutions to monitor, map, prevent, remove and recycle marine litter from sea-based sources present on the seafloor.	Italy and Croatia
<u>BLUENET: Creating new life for discarded fishing and aquaculture gears to prevent marine litter generation</u>	BLUENET will set up a programme for recycling abandoned, lost or discarded fishing and aquaculture gear: recovering gear from the sea and using it as raw material to manufacture new gear.	Spain and Italy
<u>NetTag: Tagging fishing gears and enhancing on board best-practices to promote waste free fisheries</u>	NetTag will develop and test new technologies (acoustic device and robotic recovery system) to reduce lost gears and organise awareness-raising activities on marine litter for fishermen.	Portugal, UK and Spain
<u>OCEANETS: Technological approaches for circular economy solutions in terms of prevention, recover, re-use and recycle of fishing gears to obtain added-value products in the textile industry</u>	OCEANETS will develop an ICT tool to prevent fishing gear loss and optimise the recycling technologies to produce high-quality fabrics from plastic nets.	Spain and Czech Republic
<u>AQUA-LIT: Preventive Measures for Averting the Discarding of Litter in the Marine Environment from the Aquaculture Industry</u>	AQUA-LIT will develop a toolbox of innovative ideas and methodologies to prevent marine littering from aquaculture activities and to remove litter from aquaculture facilities.	Hungary, Portugal, Belgium, Spain and France





Next steps

- *Implement measures set out in SUP and PRF Directive*
- *Support the development of EPR schemes for fishing gear*
- *Support fishing for litter schemes and funding of adjustment of PRF*
- *Work with Member States and stakeholders*
- *Data gathering from monitoring obligations*
- *Evaluation of the SUP Directive by 3 July 2027*
- *EU COM will submit a report based on the evaluation*
- *If appropriate, the report shall be accompanied by a legislative proposal*





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Thank You!

