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Marine litter, including plastic, is an increasing concern globally, since it causes harm to marine environment, coastal communities, and maritime activities, along with effects on economics, human health and safety. Therefore, it is considered a large challenge, which needs to be tackled.

Aquaculture and fishing activities are responsible for about 65% of the plastics released into the sea. However, very few measures to reduce marine litter, current and proposed, are related to aquaculture.



**How AQUA-LIT can contribute for
AVERTING THE DISCARDING OF LITTER IN THE MARINE
ENVIRONMENT FROM THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY?**

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Public Participation
Learning Labs & Interview

58 important recommendations for Policy-makers
Contribute to a healthy and sustainable ocean

Key Policy Recommendations

SUPPORT, namely technical, financial and organizational.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, COMMUNICATION and COOPERATION.

MONITORING losses and litter in the environment with innovative approaches and guidelines.

WASTE MANAGEMENT with waste collection points, deposit schemes, incentives, upcycling processes, waste flows.

PRECONDITIONS FOR LICENSING.

REGULATIONS through creation and inspections perform.

POLICY developing national law and incorporating and implementing policies in national laws.

HARMONISATION in licensing procedures and certification systems, of decommission.

CERTIFICATION including the standardisation of the labelling systems.

Identify the SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.

Identify the PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY.

Identify the FARMER / USER RESPONSIBILITY.

Include criteria for CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR).

MARINE DEBRIS MANAGEMENT through synergies among all the involved stakeholders.

DATA QUANTIFICATION on aquaculture debris.

RESEARCH and INNOVATION, enhancing knowledge and promoting interdisciplinary and international collaborations.

New MATERIALS and new DESIGNS for aquaculture equipment

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