

Webinar Series on Marine Litter in the Barents Sea

This series of interactive webinars will bring researchers and stakeholders together to explore the problem of marine litter in the Barents Sea. Experts will share information on tools and technologies for mapping and monitoring, ways to identify sources of marine litter, and prospects for international collaboration. The webinars will also cover action plans to address the marine litter challenge and recommendations from the Arctic Council working groups, and discuss their relevance and application in the Barents Sea region. Participants in the webinars will have opportunities to ask questions and engage in interactive polls.

The first episode is called “Marine litter problem in Barents Sea: What do we know about the state and sources of marine litter, and what are the knowledge gaps?”. This episode will focus on the most recent research on what we know about the current status of marine litter in the Barents Region, told by researchers and experts on the field.

The webinar series is hosted by GRID-Arendal and the Northern (Arctic) Federal University (NArFU).

Date: April 22nd

Time: 14:00 – 15:30 (Moscow time, UTC+3)

Platform: Zoom

Registration: Register in advance here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QUv3fVUGSVuHggxJUrtGuA

Main Speaker: Denis Moiseev (Murmansk Marine Biological Institute)

Denis Moiseev has been the Research Director of Murmansk Marine Biological Institute since 2008 and has broad experience in marine research as well as cross-border cooperation. Denis will be the perfect guide for an introduction to the region's marine litter issues.

Moderator: Thomas Maes (GRID-Arendal)

Thomas, a marine biologist with extensive experience in marine litter research, is currently working for GRIDArendal, a Norwegian non-profit environmental communication centre. In addition to an impressive portfolio of published papers, he is a great spokesperson for the cause of addressing marine litter.

Panellists:

Marthe Larsen Haarr (SALT)

Marthe, who works at the marine consultancy firm SALT, is a marine biologist and accomplished researcher. Currently she is mostly focusing on quantification and spatial analysis of littering and will help us better understand the extent of plastic pollution today.

Alexei Bambulyak (Akvaplan-niva)

Alexei is a senior adviser and the Russia coordinator for the Norwegian research company Akvaplan-niva. He has over 20 years of experience in running international environment and aquaculture projects, including projects in the Barents Region.

Amy Lusher (NIVA)

Amy is a researcher at the Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA) and an active contributor to the Arctic Council's working group on Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP). She is a leading expert on microplastics' impact on marine environments.