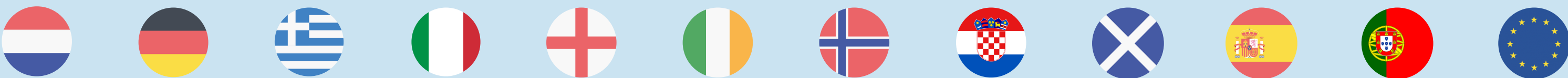


Fishing For Litter



KIMO
KIMO is an international environmental organisation of local authorities designed to give municipalities in the north-east Atlantic area a voice at regional, national and international level.

Since its foundation 35 years ago, KIMO has maintained a consistent campaign of lobbying and projects to tackle the problems caused by marine litter.

FISHING FOR LITTER
Marine litter is a global problem that causes adverse effects to marine ecosystems and the economy – fisheries, recreation and tourism.

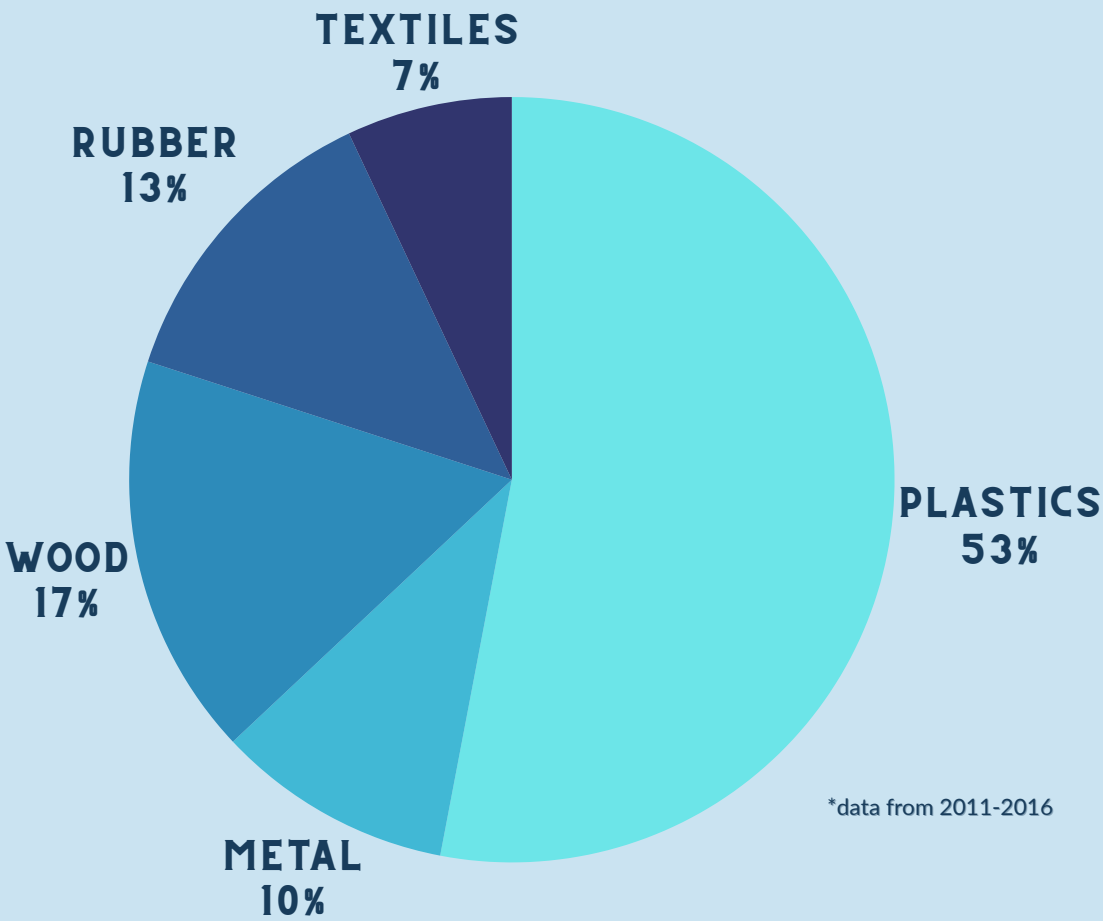
Fishing for Litter is an environmental initiative, undertaken by KIMO in the UK and the Netherlands, and by other organisations across Europe. It is designed to engage fishers to reduce the amount of marine litter in our seas by physically removing it and to improve waste management practices in the fishing industry. Fishing for Litter is scalable and replicable at low cost and with low administrative burden.

Fishing for Litter is a simple idea - participating vessels are given hardwearing bags to collect marine litter that is caught in their nets as part of their normal fishing activity. Full bags are deposited on the quayside to be disposed of responsibly. The project provides the bags and covers the waste costs and the fishers and harbours volunteer their time. The project is primarily aimed at vessels which trawl the sea bed but all types of fishing vessel are free to participate.


Participation by fishing vessels and harbours is steadily growing. This is a fundamental aspect of the project and key to its long term success. As well as collecting litter from the marine environment, the project seeks to tackle the problem at source by raising awareness through direct engagement with key stakeholders to prevent more litter reaching the marine environment.


FUNDING
All of the Fishing for Litter projects are reliant on external funding with funding received from national and local governments, grant-giving trusts, public bodies and private companies. For projects in the EU, support is also available under the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, which supports EU legislation that underpins marine environmental protection under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.


WHAT IS IN OUR OCEANS?

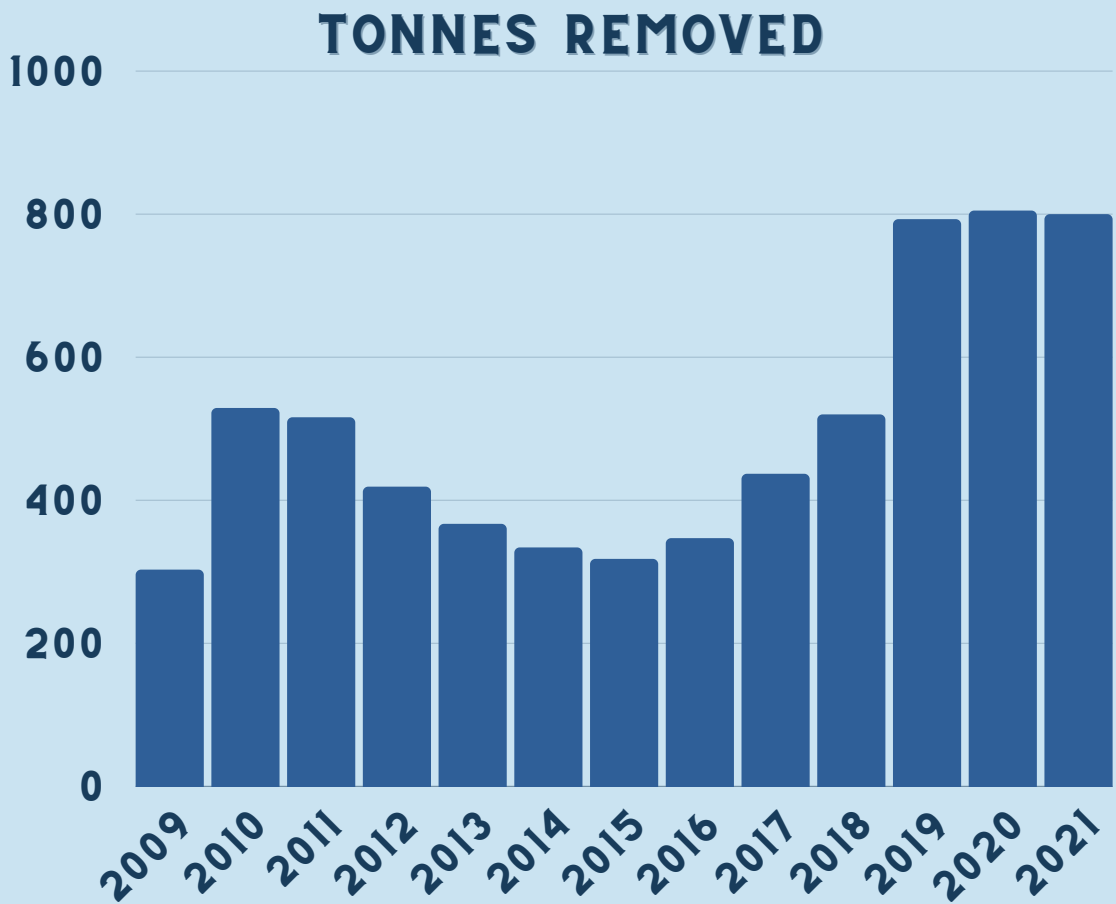


KIMO GRAND TOTAL

**5,700 TONNES**

**77 PORTS**

**779 VESSELS**



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