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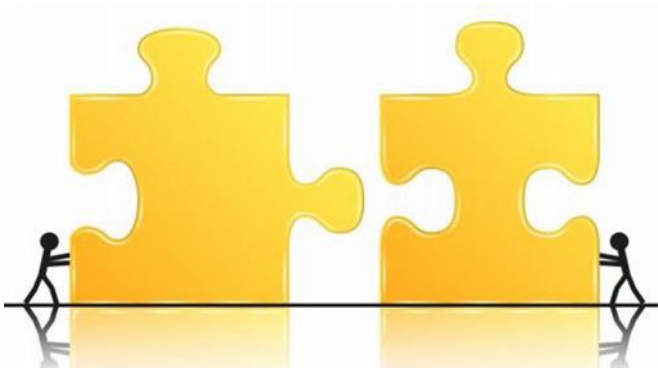


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# The Directorate of Fisheries



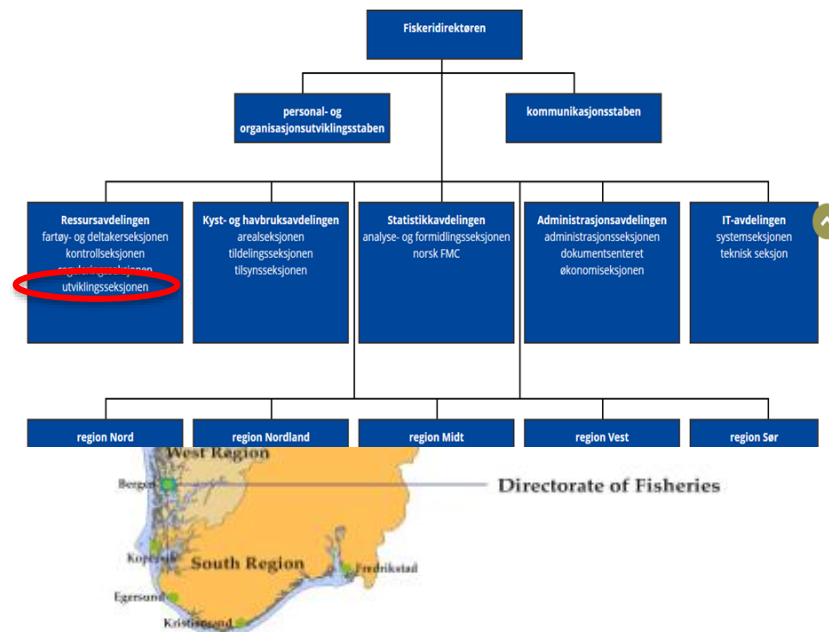
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## Bergen, Headquarters



## Resource and aquaculture management

The Directorate of Fisheries regional and lokal offices



# Who am I



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**Directorate of Fisheries:  
Responsible for  
questions and  
coordination of tasks  
related to lost gear,  
ghost fishing and marine  
litter**

**Directorate of Fisheries:  
Project manager for  
annual cleanup surveys**

**Clean Nordic Oceans:  
Project Manager**





# Old days - Biodegradable fishing gears



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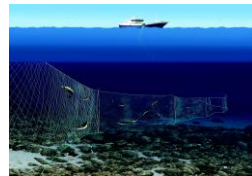


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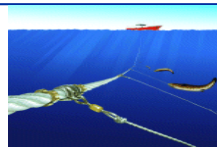
# Today`s fishing gear – new «long live» materials

Gillnets

Dangerous  
Ghost fishing



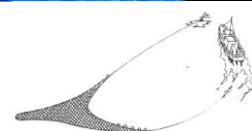
Hooks/ longlines



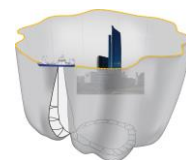
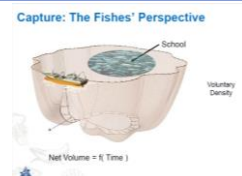
Trawls



Danish seine

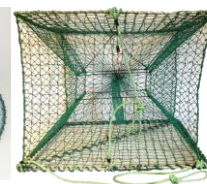


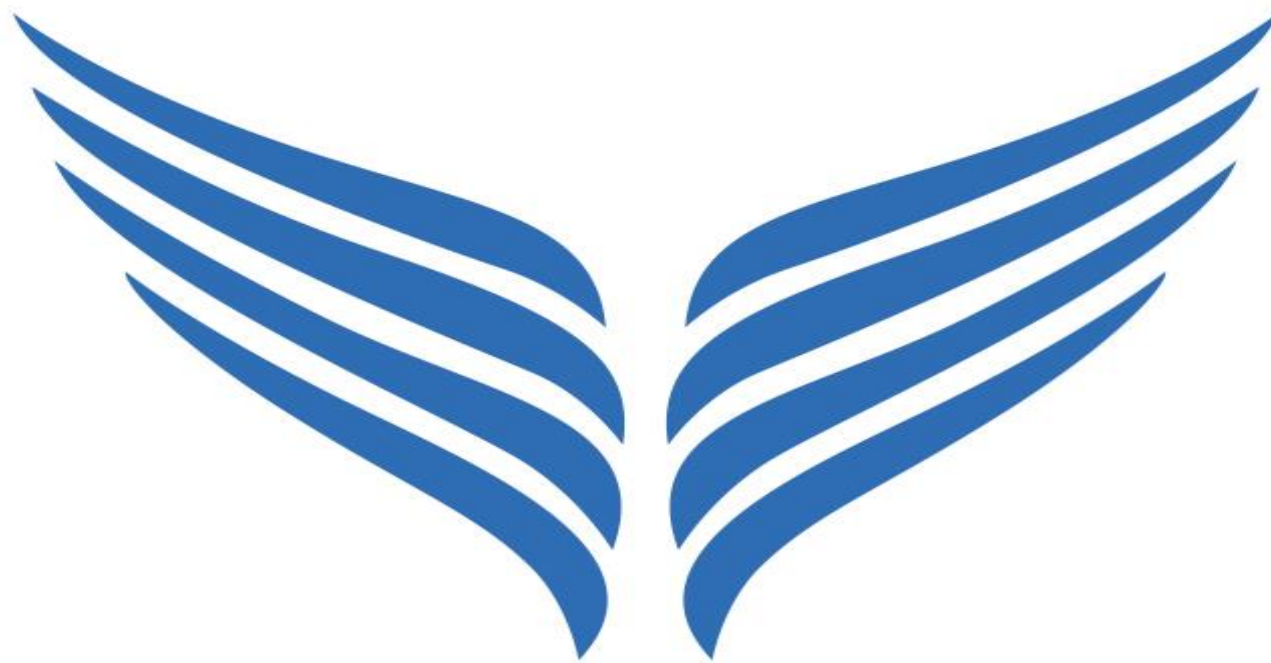
Purse seine



Pots

Dangerous  
Ghost fishing





Clean Nordic Oceans

CNO is a Nordic initiatives for all the Nordic countries

From Norway

**Through Nordic Council of Ministers**



 Nordic  
Co-operation

- Founded for the period 2017 – 2019
- Lead by Norway (The Directorate of Fisheries), and with Denmark and Sweeden in executive team





## What is CNO?

A Nordic network to exchange knowledge and experience about methods and measures to reduce the effects of ghost fishing, littering of the oceans and to increase recycling from commercial and recreational fishing.

### Marine Litter

Marine litter is a high priority, both nationally and internationally for the Nordic countries. One of many different sources of marine litter is the loss of fishing gear and components from lost gear. All the Nordic countries have varying amounts of commercial and recreational fisheries and the CNO project is focusing on lost fishing gear.



### Ghost Fishing

Fishing activities anywhere in the world leads to the loss of fishing gear with the subsequent danger of ghost fishing. The effects of ghost fishing varies with the type of fishing gear. Ghost fishing is a hidden exploitation of marine resources that leads to unwanted mortality of marine life. Fishing gear is often made of plastic with long durability and some gear may keep on fishing for decades.



### Recycling

Recycling is a process to convert waste materials into new materials and is a key component of modern waste reduction. Recycling can prevent the waste of potentially useful materials and reduce consumption of fresh raw materials. Currently, methods for handling and recycling fishing gear are being developed.



## The basic idea



Clean Nordic Oceans

«.....exchange knowledge and experience.....»

- **To make better solutions, faster and with lower costs**

We will work for CNO to fill the gap, be a platform, the base and the meeting point.

We all need the round wheel!



# CNO Executive Team



Norways network leader  
Bård Årbakke, The Directorate of Fisheries



Project Manager  
Gjermund Langedal



Sweden's network leader  
Charlotta Stadig, Swedish Agency for Marine  
and Water Management



Denmark's network leader  
Rikke Frandsen, DTU Aqua



## Stakeholders/ Contributors

(defined in our communication plan)

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Recreational fishing Commerical fishing	Recource Management Researchers Relevant industry actors Environmental Organizations	Politicians Decision-makers

# Kick off 2017



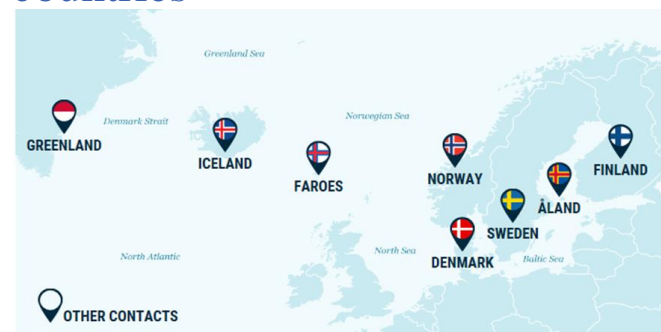
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## Successful workshop for CNO

With almost 50 participants and presentations from all across the Nordic countries, the workshop showed that the theme "lost fishing gear" is important and very relevant. Clean Nordic Oceans (CNO) is a Nordic network with the main objective to build a platform to exchange relevant information. The way forward is to preserve the good start of developing CNO as an important knowledge- and communication network.

- Big differences between Nordic countries



- Contribute to fill the gap

### CNO fills the knowledge gap

Based on feedback after the workshop, both the timing of the event, relevant topics and content was perfect. Participants agreed that CNO fills a Nordic gap and has a unique opportunity to build a Nordic knowledge- and communication network to reduce the risk of ghost fishing, littering of the oceans and increased recycling from both commercial and recreational fishing.





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# The network

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Mustad Autoline AS   Runde Miljøsentier   Frøystad AS   Circular Ocean   eSEA Marine AS  
Plastix A/S   Baltic Sea Advisory Council   PlanMiljø   KIMO Denmark   The Velux Foundations

Greenland Institute  
of  
Natural Resources

Departementet for  
Fiskeri og Fangst

Greenlandic Fishing  
License Control



Åbolands Fiskarförbund

KIMO International

WWF Germany

Oceana

8-fjordar

HM 635 Karbak   Havs- och vattenmyndigheten   MARELITT Baltic   Keep Sweden Tidy   Malmö Stad   Laxkonsult  
Municipality of Simrishamn   Sotenäs kommun   Finnish Environment Institute, SYKE   Transportstyrelsen  
VÖRN (Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection)   Marine and Freshwater Research Institut (MFRI)

# News

## News



English  
English versions of the articles



Nordiske språk  
Artikler på Nordiske språk



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### Successful retrieval survey along the coast of Norway



### CNO well underway to build a Network



### A new Arctic project against marine plastic pollution



### Conference in Kolobrzeg with ghost fishing on topic



### Norwegian authorities take measures to avoid ghost fishing in the lobster fishery (updated version)

As of 2018, Norwegian authorities had decided to demand a specific escape vent in the pot fisheries towards lobster. The solution will ensure that lost pots on the seabed do not become eternal traps for shellfish and fish. Requirements on the new solution is the use of cotton wire with short breakdown time in parts of the pot. This will ensure an escape possibility for the caught fish and shellfish.

### First step towards mapping ghost nets in Danish waters

New report presents the first collection of knowledge about



### Sotenäs municipality against ghost fishing



### Plastix on recycling, "plastic pollution" and the way forward

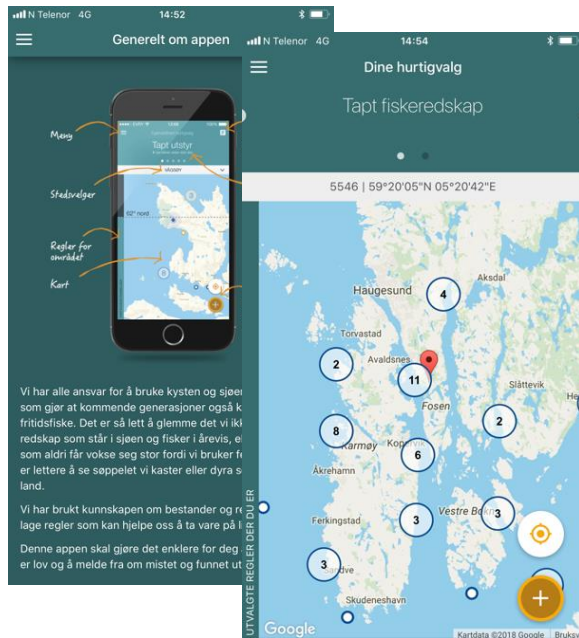


### The EU Commission with a new and ambitious strategy on plastics

The EU Commission adopts a strategy on plastics, which will protect the environment from plastic pollution whilst fostering growth and innovation. The strategy is design to address the challenges posed by plastics throughout the value chain, taking into account the entire life cycle, and aims to contribute to a new plastics economy.

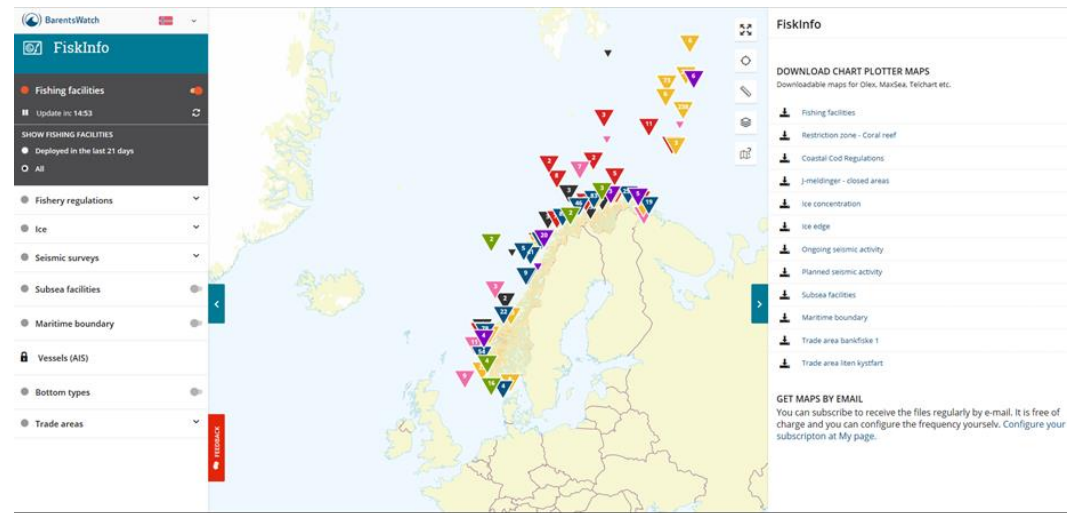
# Knowledge transfer

## App – «reporting lost and found fishing gear»



## App store/ Google play «Fritidsfiske»

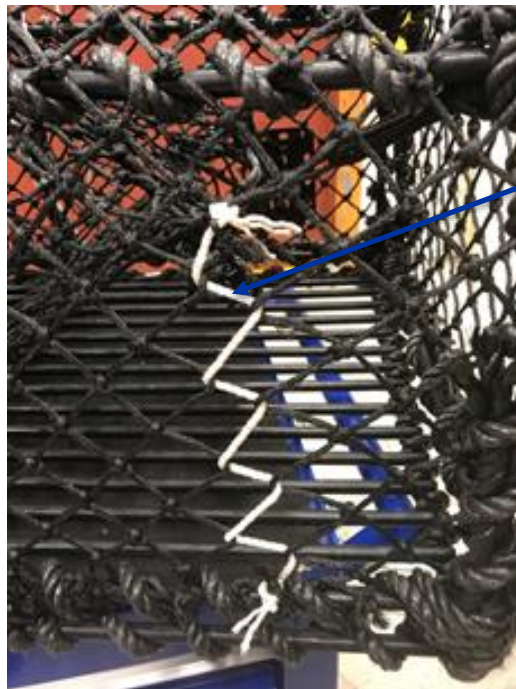
## System for reporting setting of commercial fishing gear and lost fishing gear





# Knowledge transfer

## Escape solution from lost lobster pots



Biodegradable  
thread



# Planned activities for 2018



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- Communicate news and knowledge
- Further development of the network
- Workshop
- Movies
- Article series (web) - status of the Nordic countries





# Join the CNO



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