

Ocean Conference – Voluntary Commitments

Overview Belgian commitments

June 13th 2017

1. Government

- Study on the reintroduction of Oyster beds:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16946>
- Government of Belgium and Ghost Gear Initiative - Tackling ghost gear worldwide: Marking fish aggregating devices and helping local communities in the Pacific:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18868>
- Government of Flanders - Flanders-UNESCO Science Trust Funds (FUST) - marine programme/projects:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18683>
- Government of Flanders - Flemish Action Plan on Marine Litter:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18430>
- Federal Public Service of Mobility - Environmentally sound ship recycling: Implementation of the Hong Kong Convention and encouraging others to join:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18397>
- Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO) - Belgian marine research programme:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18394>
- Province of West-Flanders - No butts on the beach:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18091>
- Province of West-Flanders - Guidance for sustainable coastal events at the beach:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18097>
- Preparation of sectoral agreement on elimination of microplastic in cosmetic and other consumption products:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=17610>
- Revision of Belgium's marine spatial plan:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16922>
- Federal truck awareness raising campaign on marine biodiversity:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16490>
- Brochure on marine biodiversity in the Belgian part of the North Sea:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16450>
- Year of the North Sea:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16378>
- Belgium's national action plan on Ballast Water:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=15936>
- Belgium's national action plan on marine litter:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=14721>
- Belgian long term vision for the North Sea 2050:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=17150>

- New multidisciplinary research vessel:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=17146>
- Achieving new Fisheries measures in the Belgian part of the North Sea:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=17266>

Total: 19

2. Joint Commitments

- Ghost Gear Initiative
- Marine Debris
- Declaration on Marine Reserves: <https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18878>.

Total: 3

3. Academia/Science

- Ghent University – Blue Growth Summer School:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=19574>
- Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) - World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS):
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=19459>
- Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) – Marine Regions:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18653>
- Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) - European Biogeographic Information System – EUROBIS:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18643>
- Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) - Beach Observation Network 'SeaWatch-B':
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18663>
- Liège University - Influence of 3-dimensional currents induced by a submarine canyon in the health of coastal ecosystems - integration of in situ and satellite data:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16534>
- Liège University - Environmental forecasting of the ocean: development of advanced predictive tools that combine numerical models and ocean observations (satellite and in-situ):
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16310>
- Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences - Application of the marine model for coastal shelf seas for the protection of the marine environment in Benin:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16301>
- Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences - A marine modeling tool for monitoring, managing and protecting the vulnerable ecosystem Ha Long Bay in Vietnam: development, training and best practices:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16292>
- Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences - Capacity building for preserving marine habitats with marine models in Peru:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=16286>

- Liège University - Understanding coastal hypoxia and its consequences on benthic-pelagic exchanges, diagenesis and ecosystem functioning:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=15772>

Total: 11

4. NGOs

- Eneco Clean Beach Life - Eneco Clean Beach Cup:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=15862>
- Proper Strand Lopers:
<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=15842>

Total: 2

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