



Title On the 5th May 2011 the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) started Fishing for Litter projects in Heiligenhafen and Burgstaaken (Fehmarn), two fishery harbours in north-west Schleswig-Holstein. About 15 vessels are joining this Baltic Sea pilot scheme; several others have signaled to follow. According and associated to the KIMO initiative, NABU provides fishing vessels with big bags to deposit marine litter. In both harbours large containers are placed for disposal. The collected litter will be analyzed to get information on the composition, constitution and on the litter contamination of the Baltic Sea. The initiative involves key stakeholders to raise awareness of the significance of the problem. It is not only the dramatic and well documented ecological impact; marine litter is becoming more and more an economic and aesthetic issue. The Fishing for Litter initiative is embedded in the NABU project "Seas without Plastic" which includes coastal cleanup activities, beach litter monitoring, public relation and educational events. More Info on <http://www.nabu.de/themen/meere/plastik/fishingforlitter/>