

Norwegian comments to the Draft Provisional summary of the stocktake of existing activities and action towards the long-term elimination of discharges into the oceans, to reduce marine plastic litter and microplastics

1. The draft presented in the webinar shows good progress from November and has considered the feedback received from the AHEG3 in Bangkok.
2. In the next draft, we would like to get a clearer understanding of what the *results* of the stocktaking exercise will look like, and how this product can be used as a background for discussion on potential future response options.
3. We would especially be interested in seeing if the exercise finds any areas that are "crowded" with activity, and/or gaps where more activities may be required, and we emphasize that this information should be presented in a clear and comprehensible way.
4. In the webinar on May 22, it was pointed out that 95% of the responses were in English. We would like the exercise to assess if gaps may exist in the stocktaking due to some resources only being available in other languages than English.
5. In the webinar we were informed that submissions are still welcome. We think it is important that the data are collected in a way that ensures a direct and smooth interface with the effectiveness exercise, so that the latter exercise has all the data it needs and can be done in a best possible way.
6. Currently, the stocktaking is done as a one-off exercise. However, we would like the AHEG to discuss whether stocktaking is a whether there is a need to repeat this exercise to assess the development in responses and activities, and if so, whether it could be useful to repeat stocktaking at regular intervals.