

# Ocean Conference – Voluntary Commitments

## *Overview Belgian commitments*

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

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### **1. Government**

- 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>
- Oyster project (registered but not published yet on the website)
- Ship recycling (registered but not published yet on the website)

Total: 14

### **2. Joint Commitments**

- Ghost Gear Initiative (will be published on the website in the near future)
- Marine Debris? (will be published on the website in the near future)
- Marine Reserves? (will be published on the website in the near future)

### **3. Academia**

- 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: 6

#### **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

#### **5. Private sector**

Total:

GRAND TOTAL: 22