Declaration of Common Purpose

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IMDOS
INTEGRATED MARINE DEBRIS OBSERVING SYSTEM

Recognizing the growing demand for scientifically qualified data by the research community, policy and decision makers, and the private sector, we acknowledge that establishing a global monitoring system is a priority for assessments, setting evidence-based targets, and implementing and monitoring the impacts of actions.

At present, global estimations of the scale and impact of marine debris pollution are constrained by the lack of common standards, definitions, and monitoring methodologies. We therefore recognise the urgent need for coordination and standardisation of marine debris monitoring.

We, the members of the Advisory and Sponsors Committee of the Integrated Marine Debris Observing System (IMDOS), reaffirm our shared vision to establish a globally coordinated and sustained observing system for marine debris that fills knowledge gaps and delivers adequate and reliable data and information for all stakeholders.

The success of IMDOS relies on our collective engagement and shared vision.

In line with the IMDOS Strategy, we express our ambition to facilitate coordination and guidance that will enable the marine debris community to establish a sustained global observing system and facilitate open access to data.

United in purpose, we lead efforts to advance marine debris monitoring, promote sustainable practices, and enhance global cooperation. With the support of the IMDOS community, we are working together to promote a collaborative, multi-stakeholder approach to advancing knowledge on marine debris pollution, while directly contributing to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14.1 to *prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds by 2030*.

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CCG International Ocean Colour Coordinating Group
ECOP Early Career Ocean Professionals
UN environment United Nations Environment Programme
GPML Global Partnership on Marine Litter
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