

# GUIDANCE FOR PREVENTING AND COLLECTING MARINE LITTER

## 1. Introduction

**Funding in this area will support preventing and collecting marine litter**

Funding can be applied for under the following measures:

### **M12 Preventing and Collecting Marine Litter**

Details of eligible projects and monitoring requirements for each measure can be found in Section 2, Projects you can apply for.

Please note this information is for guidance only and is not exhaustive or binding. If you are unsure whether an item is eligible, please check the General Guidance and if you are still unsure contact the MMO.

## 2. Projects you can apply for

### M12 Preventing and Collecting Marine Litter

Projects can include:

- Preventing/ collecting marine litter during fishing activities.
- Equipment for prevention, collection or storage of litter.
- Waste collection schemes.
- Investments that reduce the environmental impact of fisheries-related waste (fishing gear designed to be recycled or less harmful if lost).
- Education and awareness raising schemes of marine litter and best practice to prevent it.

### **Projects excluded from funding**

Funding will not be provided for:

- Recovery of lost fishing gear from the sea, except where this is part of testing gear design.
- Removal of marine litter from the marine environment, where this is the principal purpose of the activity or where there is potential for harm to the environment caused by the removal activity.

### **Result indicators**

FaSS result indicators have been designed to measure the benefits to be delivered by a project. Result indicators are specific to the type of project you are applying for. For projects under M12, Preventing and collecting marine litter the results indicators in the table on page 3 are applicable.

M12 Preventing and Collecting Marine Litter	
Indicator	Information you must provide
Volume (m3) of marine litter storage available on boats/ at ports	<p><b>In your application please provide:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The volume capacity of marine litter storage before your project</li> <li>• Expected volume capacity of marine litter storage after your project</li> </ul> <p><i>The expected and actual change in storage will be used to determine the project's success.</i></p>

Not all FaSS result indicators will be applicable to your project. As part of the assessment of your project the most suitable indicator or indicators will be identified and used to form some of the targets and benefits of your project.

As part of ongoing project monitoring you will be required to provide further information on the progress you have made towards the expected benefits of your project. Once the project is complete you will be required to provide evidence as part of post project monitoring to show the actual benefits achieved by your project.

### Evaluation indicators

FaSS evaluation indicators have been designed to measure the wider benefits delivered by the FaSS programme. Evaluation indicators are specific to the type of project you are applying for but will not be used to assess the eligibility of your project. For projects under M12, Preventing and collecting marine litter, the indicators on page 4 are applicable.

<b>M12 Preventing and Collecting Marine Litter</b>	
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Information you must provide</b>
Tonnage of waste collected	<p><b>In your application please provide:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The weight of litter (tonnes) deposited before the project</li> <li>• The expected weight of litter (tonnes) deposited after your project</li> </ul>
Reported incidence of lost fishing gear	<p><b>In your application please provide:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of incidents of lost fishing gear reported to fisheries authorities before your project</li> <li>• Number of incidents of lost fishing gear reported to fisheries authorities after your project</li> </ul>
Landings of litter	<p><b>After your project please provide:</b></p> <p>The date of landing</p> <p>The port or harbour where the litter was landed</p> <p>Number of vessels that have dropped off litter</p>

Not all FaSS evaluation indicators will be applicable to your project. For those which are relevant to your project you must provide the information listed above.

### 3. Funding available

The minimum and maximum funding available for M12, Preventing and collecting marine litter, are outlined below:

Limits of Funding Available in FaSS Measures		
FaSS Measure	Minimum Grant Value Available (£)	Maximum Grant Value Available (£)
M12 Preventing and collecting marine litter	500	60,000

## 4. Funding required by you

It is your responsibility to source and provide match funding, such as business loans or cash resources. You must state the source of funding when applying. Before committing any private resources, we recommend you seek independent financial advice.

The amount of money you can apply for will depend on your business or organisation type. There are maximum allocations allowed for each applicant are outlined below:

Funding Rates for Eligible Applicants in FaSS				
Applicant Type	Funding Rates as Percentages of Eligible Costs			
	FaSS %	Other national funding %	Total public money %	Private %
Public	75	25	100	0
Private (SME)	50	0	50	50
Private (Non-SME)	30	0	30	70
Private (SSCF)	80	0	80	20
Private (Fishermen's associations)	75	0	75	25
Private (POs)	75	0	75	25

Grant Rates Key; SSCF Small scale coastal fishing – vessels under 12m and not using towed gear; PO Producer Organisation; SME Micro, small and medium enterprises; Other national funding – funding from other public funds – see General Guidance note for further advice.