

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF



LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATION

## **AGENDA PAPERS**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**09:15 - 12:30**

**Venue – Apollo Hotel IJmuiden Seaport Beach,  
IJmuiden, Netherlands**

**Hosted by  
The Municipality of Velsen**



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## Agenda

### 09.15-09.45 – Opening session

Welcome to Velsen

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| 1. Adoption of the agenda                                 | AGM 19/1 |
| 2. Draft minutes of the 28 <sup>th</sup> AGM October 2018 | AGM 19/2 |
| 3. Annual Activities Report 2018-19                       | AGM 19/3 |

### 09.45-11.00 – Strategic issues

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| 4. Action Plan 2019-2020             | AGM 19/4 |
| • Feedback from members              | Verbal   |
| 5. Resolutions                       | AGM 19/5 |
| 6. Reports from the Networks 2018-19 | AGM 19/6 |

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| 7. Election of President and Vice Presidents             | AGM 19/7   |
| 8. Confirmation of members of the International Board    | AGM 19/8   |
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*Concluding remarks - KIMO International President*

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## Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Aalborg, Denmark, are enclosed.

### Recommendation:

**The AGM is invited to approve the minutes.**

## Minutes of KIMO Annual General Meeting

Aalborg (Denmark): 7 October 2018 – 9:00-12:00

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### Present:

| First Name     | Last Name          | Municipality/Organisation                               |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Mats           | Abrahamsson        | Sotenäs kommun                                          |
| Jerry          | Ahlström           | Lomma kommun                                            |
| Lars Anker     | Angantyr           | Københavns Kommune                                      |
| Martin         | Bagge              | Varbergs kommun                                         |
| Malcolm        | Bell               | Shetland Islands Council                                |
| Arabelle       | Bentley            | KIMO International Secretariat                          |
| Anders         | Bergh              | Miljö- och hälsoskyddsförvaltningen                     |
| Håvard         | Bjordal            | Bergen kommune                                          |
| Helena         | Björn              | Lomma kommun                                            |
| Helena         | Bredin             | Sotenäs Kommun/Ren Kustlinje                            |
| Lena           | Breinholt Moeskjær | Fanø Kommune                                            |
| Kerstin        | Brunnström         | Region Västra Götaland                                  |
| Charles        | Buchan             | Aberdeenshire Council                                   |
| Maria          | Chun Nielsdóttir   | Tórshavnar Kommuna                                      |
| Michael        | Damm               | Aalborg Municipality                                    |
| Steffen Husted | Damsgaard          | Lemvig Kommune                                          |
| Alan           | Donnelly           | Aberdeen City Council                                   |
| Natalie        | Eckelt             | Insel- und Halligkonferenz e.V.                         |
| Karsten        | Filsø              | KIMO International                                      |
| Mark           | Findlater          | Aberdeenshire Council                                   |
| Lennart        | Fjell              | Fjell kommune, Norway                                   |
| Preben         | Friis-Hauge        | Varde municipality                                      |
| Birgit         | Friis-Hauge        | Varde municipality                                      |
| Rune           | Gaasø              | Clean Shores Global                                     |
| Søren          | Gais Kjeldsen      | Environment and Energy Department, Aalborg Municipality |
| Jørgen         | Grüner             | Slagelse Kommune                                        |
| Ejgil          | Haurum             | Thisted Kommune                                         |
| Steen          | Heftholm           | Frederikshavn Kommune                                   |
| William        | Howatson           | Aberdeenshire Council                                   |
| Daniel         | Irvold             | Vordingborg kommune                                     |
| Henrik         | Kikkenborg         | Esbjerg Kommune                                         |
| Flemming       | Kortsen            | Slagelse Kommune, Center for Miljø, Plan og Teknik      |
| Christian      | Lorenzen           | Fanø Kommune                                            |
| Norman         | Macdonald          | Comhairle nan Eilean Siar                               |
| Derek          | Macleod            | Highland Council                                        |
| Michael        | Mannaart           | KIMO Netherlands/Belgium                                |

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|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Grioghair      | McCord        | KIMO International                           |
| Iain           | McDiarmid     | Shetland Islands Council                     |
| Gordon         | McLean        | Aberdeen City Council                        |
| Faron          | McLellan      | KIMO UK                                      |
| Ryan           | Metcalfe      | KIMO Denmark                                 |
| Karin          | Meyer         | Gothenburg kommune                           |
| Rick           | Nickerson     | KIMO International                           |
| Stinne         | Nørskov Smed  | Aalborg Municipality, Environment and Energy |
| Göran          | Ohlsson       | Öckerö, Sweden                               |
| Jørgen         | Rabjerg       | Ringkøbing-Skjern kommune                    |
| Pierre         | Rehnlund      | Kungälv, Sweden                              |
| Patrik         | Renström      | Kungälv Sverige                              |
| Jan            | Rijpstra      | Municipality of Noordwijk                    |
| Karen          | Sandrini      | Esbjerg Kommune                              |
| Per Ola        | Svensson      | Falkenberg, Sweden                           |
| Sveiney        | Sverrisdottir | The Association of Faroe Municipalities      |
| Robert         | te Beest      | KIMO International                           |
| Steffen Lervad | Thomsen       | City of Aalborg                              |
| Kees           | Visser        | Municipality of Den Helder                   |
| Laila          | Zielke        | Hjørring municipality                        |

*Apologies:*

Albert de Hoop  
Sebastian Dinjens  
Andrea Manson  
Helena Norin

1. To adopt the agenda for the meeting

AGM 18/1

The agenda was adopted

2. To approve the draft minutes of the AGM October 2018

AGM 18/2

The minutes were approved

3. Annual Report 2017-18

AGM 18/3

The annual report was noted

4. Activity Report 2017-18

AGM 18/4

There were two questions from the floor: (Q1) Is the UNESCO report written by KIMO available publicly on the KIMO website? Ms Bentley replied that the report was still being reviewed by UNESCO and that once a final version had been produced, it would be made publicly available. (Q2) Is KIMO doing any work on Emergency Towing Vehicle Provision. Ms Bentley confirmed that ETV provision was on KIMO's action plan. Mr McCord mentioned that, in the wake of the MV Fame incident in the Western Isles in December 2017, the International Secretariat had issued a press release and lobbied both MSPs and MPs regarding the currently inadequate ETV provision in UK waters.

The activity report was noted

5. Cooperation with CPMR North Sea Commission

AGM 18/5

Mr te Beest welcomed the President of the North Sea Commission, Ms Kerstin Brunnström. Mr te Beest explained that a Memorandum of Understanding had been drawn up between KIMO and the North Sea Commission so that the two organisations could cooperate on marine pollution issues. He noted that the MOU had been approved in June 2018 at the North Sea Commission's Annual Business Meeting in Frederikstad, Norway. The final step in formalising the cooperation agreement would be the ratification of the MOU by KIMO members at the AGM. Ms Brunnström explained the role of the North Sea Commission and highlighted the importance of making the link between local and regional levels of government in order to address marine pollution. Mr te Beest asked the assembly to approve the MOU with the North Sea Commission.

The cooperation agreement between KIMO and the North Sea Commission was approved. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Ms Brunnström and Mr te Beest on behalf of their respective organisations.

Reports from the Networks 2017-18

AGM 18/6

The network reports were noted

7. Action Plan 2018-19

AGM 18/7

Ms Bentley introduced the KIMO Action Plan and highlighted the close correlation between KIMO's actions and EU legislation, the OSPAR and HELCOM Regional Action Plans on marine litter, the MARPOL Convention and the Bonn Agreement. Following enquiries from the floor, it was agreed to make the action plan available to KIMO members on the KIMO international website. Mr Ahlström led an interactive session, in which the assembly was asked to identify marine environmental issues of concern within their municipalities. The responses are summarised below:

- o Cruise ships: air pollution in the harbour, balloon releases, dumping of rubbish at sea
- o Paraffin pollution on beaches and coastlines
- o Plastic pollution on beaches (best practice: provide bags that can be left on beach; arrange pickup)
- o Maritime Spatial Planning
- o Cooperation with partner organisations working on the same issues, including Baltic organisations
- o Collaboration with Baltic Commissions (e.g. HELCOM)
- o Plastic fuses from explosives from construction industry
- o Blue growth
- o Renewable energy – offshore, wind farms
- o Decommissioning (oil and gas platforms)
- o Microplastics in wastewater and stormwater
- o Plastics
- o Ghost gear (investigate biodegradable fishing equipment)
- o Dumping sites (toxic mud)
- o Emissions from ships (harbour index; duties tied to emissions)
- o Artificial Turf
- o Microplastics from Tyres (investigate 'green' tyres)
- o Hydrogen peroxide treatment in aquaculture
- o Invasive species introduced through aquaculture
- o Marine Protected Areas
- o Riverine Litter
- o Microplastics emissions: rubber tyres, artificial turf
- o Plastics (information about bioplastics)
- o Landfill pollution risk from rising sea levels
- o Seabins
- o Prevent pollution through Green Procurement
- o Plastic roads
- o Fishing nets – engage with fishermen to prevent ghost gear
- o Fishing net recycling

Mr Ahlström thanked the assembled delegates for their contributions and noted that the information gathered would inform KIMO's action plan over the coming years.

The action plan for 2018-19 was approved and will be made available on the KIMO International website

## 8. Resolutions

AGM 18/8

Mr McCord presented the proposed resolution titled 'Microplastic pollution from artificial grass sports fields' which had been put forward by the Secretariat and KIMO Sweden. Ms Bentley presented the proposed resolution on 'Ocean Acidification', put forward by the International Secretariat. Ms Nielsdottir suggested that the mention of ocean upwellings should be removed from the resolution as it could potentially obscure

the message that ocean acidification is mostly due to human activities. It was agreed that the reference to upwellings would be removed.

Both resolutions were agreed upon by the assembly and adopted as KIMO policy.

#### 9. Amendments to the Constitution

AGM 18/9

Mr te Beest asked the assembly to consider the proposed amendments to the KIMO constitution. Mr Mannaart commented on the text of the proposed amendment regarding KIMO's objectives: "Lobby international conventions, industry, the EU and national and regional governments to take effective action on marine pollution and maritime safety issues". Mr Mannaart suggested that provision be made in the text for lobbying of global organisations such as the UN or the IMO. Ms Bentley replied that the proposed wording had been chosen specifically as it mirrored the wording in KIMO's Strategic Plan which had been approved by the KIMO AGM in 2017. Ms Bentley suggested that it is not necessary to explicitly mention global organisations in the constitution in order to engage with these bodies.

The proposed amendments to the constitution were approved.

#### 10. Finances

To **approve** the 2017 International accounts

AGM 18/10a

The 2017 International accounts were approved.

To **approve** the 2019 International budget

AGM 18/10b

The 2019 International budget was approved.

#### 11. Election of Directors to the International Board

AGM 18/12

The assembly was asked to approve the following delegates as directors on the International Board:

- Junior Vice President – Cllr Jerry Ahlström (Sweden) – 1 year appointment
- KIMO Denmark – Cllr Preben Friis-Hauge
- KIMO Netherlands and Belgium – Cllr Sebastian Dinjes
- KIMO Sweden – Cllr Helena Norin
- KIMO UK – Cllr Andrea Manson

All the nominations were approved.

#### 12. Honorary members' presentation

AGM 18/13

The assembly was asked to consider the nomination of Albert de Hoop and Rick Nickerson as honorary members.

Both nominations were approved

Tribute was paid to the significant contribution each had made to KIMO in their respective roles and a presentation was made to Rick Nickerson. Albert de Hoop was not able to attend the meeting so will receive his presentation at another opportunity.

### 13. Date and venue of next AGM

Mr te Beest informed the assembly that the venue and date for the next AGM had not yet been finalised but that details would be circulated as soon as they became available.

Mr te Beest closed the meeting.

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## Annual Activities Report 2018-19

### Recommendation:

The Secretariat recommends that the AGM approves the Activities Report.

The purpose of the KIMO International Annual Activities Report is to inform about activities since the last Annual General Meeting (AGM). In this report you will find:

1. Introduction
2. Report on the KIMO Action Plan 2018-2019 key action areas:
  - a. Increase the influence of the organisation nationally and internationally
  - b. Ensure members' voices are heard on issues affecting the marine environment
  - c. Lead by example in improving the marine environment
  - d. Provide members with a viable, supported and fully sustainable organisation
3. Other activities

### 1. Introduction

At the 2018 KIMO Annual General Meeting in Aalborg, Denmark, Councillor **Jerry Ahlström** (Lomma, Sweden) was elected Junior Vice President for one year. The President, Councillor **Robert te Beest** (Velsen, the Netherlands) and Senior Vice President, **Karsten Filsö** (Holstebrø, Denmark) continued for the second year of their mandates.

The **AGM** approved a co-operation agreement with the CPMR North Sea Commission and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the President of the North Sea Commission, Ms Kerstin Brunnström and President of KIMO International, Mr Robert te Beest. Resolutions were adopted on 'Microplastic pollution from artificial grass sports fields' and on 'Impacts of Ocean Acidification'.

In 2018 we were happy to welcome four new members – Syddjurs, Vordingborg and Falkenberg Kommunes from Denmark and Uddevalla Kommun from Sweden – as well as a returning member, Highland Council from the UK. We also lost two members, Wassenaar and Knokke-Heist, from KIMO Netherlands/Belgium. The total number of member municipalities at the end of 2018 was 75.

The **International Board** met twice this year, once before the AGM in Aalborg (DK) in October and once in the Shetland Islands (UK) in May. The autumn meeting focussed on the alignment of KIMO's action plan with UN and EU legislation and policy and with the work of Regional Seas Conventions (OSPAR, HELCOM). Amongst the attendees at the May meeting we were particularly happy to welcome delegates from two of our newest members from Norway – Arendal and Bergen. The Secretariat gave presentations to delegates on a proposed strategic direction for the organisation. Shetland Islands Council was happy to accept The International Board's decision to a 5-year extension of its contract to provide Secretariat Services to KIMO International, under the terms of the original tender.

Also discussed was a more coherent process for selection of candidates for the position of Junior Vice President. Fundamental to the process is the continuation of the rota system whereby a JVP is appointed from each network in turn. The next appointment will be in October 2019 and nomination have been sought from the KIMO UK network.

Members of the International Board in 2018-19 were – in addition to the President and Vice Presidents – Councillors **Malcolm Bell** (Shetland Islands, UK), **Emmyly Bönfors** (KIMO Sweden), **Sebastian Dinjens** (KIMO Netherlands and Belgium), **Preben Friis-Hauge** (KIMO Denmark) and **William Howatson** (KIMO UK). Representatives from Arendal and Bergen (NO) and from the Faroe Islands and Germany have attended some of the meetings. The National Coordinators attend regularly as Observers and the International Secretariat facilitates the meetings.

## 2. Report on the KIMO Action Plan 2018-2019 key action areas

KIMO strategy is implemented through the Action Plan that is revised each year and approved by delegates at the AGM. The following report contains some of the highlights and successes of 2018-19.

### a. Increase the influence of the organisation both nationally and internationally

The Secretariat has continued to work to increase KIMO's visibility and influence. We have refreshed the KIMO newsletter and sent it out regularly to a large number of contacts and stakeholders. We have continued our updating of the KIMO website to make it more contemporary and to improve ease of use and there are plans to translate more of the text into other northern European languages. We are using social media regularly to promote KIMO more widely. The number of visitors to the website continues to increase and we expect that the website and social media communications will encourage more new members and will make clear to the media and others that KIMO is the 'go to' organisation for comments and expert opinion on marine environmental matters.

The Secretariat has also been working to raise KIMO's profile in other ways. We are continuing to establish new networking contacts and are working collaboratively with the GGGI (Global Ghost Gear Initiative), FIDRA (environmental charity) and NFLA (Nuclear Free Local Authorities). The Secretariat has responded on behalf of the organisation to EU consultations (circular economy, repair/reuse of goods and ecolabelling) and also on the proposal from Shell to leave parts of redundant Brent Spa oil rigs in the sea.

KIMO continues its longstanding partnership with the organisation Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) to work on hazardous waste. In September 2019, KIMO and NFLA issued a joint media release exposing a proposal by the Japanese Government to support the dumping of more than 1 million tonnes of radioactively contaminated water into the Pacific Ocean.

KIMO was represented at the Our Ocean Conference in Bali in October 2018. This was a high-level conference at which companies, organizations and governments make commitments to improve and clean up the marine environment and are recognised via the website and associated communications around the event. KIMO's participation at the Conference enabled us to network with other people in the oceans community and to highlight KIMO's work on the international stage. It was also an opportunity to prepare the ground for a commitment from KIMO at this year's event in Oslo in which we have also been invited to participate.

At the AGM in Aalborg in 2018, KIMO signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the North Sea Commission, enabling our organisations to work together on issues of mutual concern. KIMO is the first organisation to have formed this type of alliance with NSC and we think this will be beneficial to KIMO, making a link between local and regional governments' work on marine environmental issues. KIMO has already provided regular input to the North Sea Commission's Marine Plastics Resolution and Marine Litter Action Plan.

Following lengthy discussions with the CleanAtlantic project, we can now confirm that KIMO has become an associated partner on the project, where our role will be to support the project implementation and give advice on project activities and outputs. The project is funded by the EU Interreg Atlantic Regional Development Fund and is closely linked to the work of OSPAR's Regional Action Plan on marine litter, contributing to a number of the common (international) actions. In addition to the high-level exposure KIMO will enjoy from being associated with this work, KIMO can ensure that, with regard to marine litter, the project outcomes are well aligned with KIMO priorities.

The Scottish Government's International Marine Litter Conference took place in February 2019. The Secretariat chaired a workshop on litter from the marine sector, with speakers from the European Commission, Northlink Ferries, GGGI, Plastix Global and KIMO UK.

In April, the KIMO International President participated in the final European Parliament Intergroup Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (SEARICA) Conference in Brussels on healthy seas. He gave a presentation and participated in a panel discussion on the topic of fostering maritime education, where he explained KIMO's position on the importance of marine environmental awareness and on the educational/awareness-raising benefits to fishers of participating in the Fishing for Litter scheme.

In May, KIMO participated in the EU Maritime Day events in Lisbon, Portugal, where we co-hosted a workshop on fisheries waste and innovations for blue growth and forged links with colleagues in Spain and Portugal as well as strengthening our bonds with the European Commission.

In June 2019, KIMO International participated in the OSPAR Intersessional Correspondence Group on Marine Litter in Reykjavik, Iceland and gave presentations on KIMO's Fishing for Litter Hub ([www.fishingforlitter.org](http://www.fishingforlitter.org)) and on 'Pitch In', a KIMO initiative designed to help municipalities and communities reduce the emissions of micro plastic particles from artificial sports pitches. Participants from the 15 European countries represented at the meeting undertook to promote these resources nationally. The resources are available to KIMO members to download from the KIMO International website at <http://www.kimointernational.org/pitch-in/>.

The Secretariat and other members of KIMO have continued working to establish new members in Norway and we are pleased to welcome five new Norwegian members into the KIMO family. Following the success of our information event in southern Norway last year, plans are in progress to hold a second KIMO information event held in Lillesand, south Norway, which we hope will be attended by municipality leaders from municipalities and regional councils in south and west Norway.

## **b. Ensure members' voices are heard on issues affecting the marine environment**

The Secretariat has participated in a number of international stakeholder meetings dealing with issues of concern to the organisation (section 3 of this report). The Secretariat and other KIMO representatives have been actively engaged in promoting these issues and establishing valuable connections with Government delegations, Contracting Parties and NGOs.

The Secretariat has continued to participate in international forums, including those of the Regional Seas Conventions (OSPAR and HELCOM) at which KIMO has Observer status. At this year's OSPAR Environmental Impacts of Human Activities (EIHA) meeting, KIMO presented a paper making a number of proposals to improve control and enforcement measures in relation to paraffin and other high viscosity and persistent floating products. Despite the progress made in seeking amendments to MARPOL to strengthen discharge regulations, we raised our concern about the likelihood of poor compliance if an effective monitoring and enforcement regime is not put in place. Although this was not supported at this time, fact-finding actions were put in place and the issue will be discussed again at EIHA in 2020. We can conclude that KIMO is successfully keeping this issue on the international agenda and making slow but sure progress.

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, the Mediterranean Shipping Company's ultra-large containership MSC Zoe lost more than 280 containers overboard in German waters after being caught in heavy seas between Vlieland,

Netherlands and the German Bight in the south eastern North Sea. A significant amount of debris from broken containers washed up on Dutch and German islands in the Wadden Sea and the cost of the clean-up was borne by the municipalities affected. KIMO protested at national and European level against the lack of compensation on the issue of pollution from lost containers and was subsequently approached by the European Commission's DG-MOVE and DG-MARE to help organise an EU workshop on the subject of lost containers. The workshop took place in July in Brussels and a number of representatives from KIMO participated, including KIMO Honorary Member, Mr Albert de Hoop. A follow up workshop is planned for the coming year.

In June, the Secretariat participated in a workshop on an Emergency Towing Vessel (ETV) risk assessment hosted by the UK Government's Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). KIMO raised a number of issues around the prioritisation of economic factors over safety of life at sea which we felt were not adequately addressed by the MCA. We followed up with a media release and targeted lobbying of UK and Scottish Government MPs. More actions are planned and progress will be reported.

Since the European elections in May, the Secretariat has been actively compiling a list of new MEPs from political parties or backgrounds that are more likely to be supportive of marine environmental issues. We will continue to use this to target individual MEPs directly and ask them to recognise and act on issues of importance to our members.

In June, a very positive evaluation of one of KIMO's flagship projects, Fishing for Litter, in the UK was published. The paper focused on the success of the project in changing fishers' awareness of marine litter and promoting pro-environmental behaviours and recommends that the scheme should be much more widely adopted. The report concluded that "fishing for litter is an exemplary scheme that makes use of people in the right place, builds on best practice and social norms, and empowers fishers to do something about a problem that directly affects them". The Secretariat has circulated this report out to contacts in national governments and in the European Commission, to encourage wider uptake of the project.

### c. Lead by example in improving the marine environment

Participation in projects remains a key part of KIMO's commitment to improving our coastal and marine environments. Fishing for Litter continues to be one of KIMO's most successful projects. It has been incorporated into OSPAR guidelines and has generated a great deal of interest at EU level with its contribution to the newly revised Port Reception Facilities Directive. New projects have been piloted in Norway and are anticipated for 2020 in Sweden and the Faroe Islands.

KIMO is a partner in the Interreg2Seas proposal, Plastic Soup Solutions. The project focuses on the collection and upcycling of marine litter. The proposal was submitted in early September 2019 and we are now waiting to hear if it has been selected for funding.

KIMO is also exploring possibilities for collaboration with new partners. One that we are working hard to establish is with the Seaqual initiative. This initiative has created a collaborative model involving NGOs, fishers, local communities, local authorities, researchers, scientists and industry, to clean the oceans, rivers and estuaries, beaches and coastlines. By collaborating with other stakeholders under this initiative, KIMO could play a key role in expanding Fishing for Litter and implementing other clean-up projects in our own member countries and more widely.

A new set of resources (PitchIn) co-created by KIMO and partners FIDRA are now completed and available to members on the KIMO International website. The resources are designed to give advice and help to municipalities around managing artificial turf and limiting the emission of microplastics from artificial turf sports pitches. There are online guidelines, tailor-made for each individual sports pitch, as well a game that can be used by everyone, from policy-makers to students, to raise education and awareness and to propose solutions to reducing emissions of microplastics.

#### d. Provide members with a viable, supported, sustainable organisation

This year the Secretariat has organised and attended two meetings of the OSPAR Intersessional Group on Marine Litter (ICGML). KIMO has a contract to facilitate these meetings and the Secretariat is responsible for organisation, agenda management and production of the summary record. The contract benefits KIMO both by providing an income and by keeping its profile raised amongst the 15 Contracting Parties and the EU that work through OSPAR. Resources pressures on some Contracting Parties suggest that this work may eventually be taken in house by OSPAR but the Secretariat has successfully negotiated that KIMO retains it in the short term, at least until the end of 2019.

Together with KIMO Netherlands and Belgium, the Secretariat completed a consultancy contract with UNESCO's World Heritage Organisation to create a survey on marine litter in each of the 49 marine world heritage sites, write a detailed report of the results and facilitate a workshop for the World Heritage marine site managers.

The Secretariat has finalised promotional resources and membership packs for new and potential members and for new network board members – these are available to download from the KIMO International website. The addition of 5 new members to the KIMO family is a positive result and the Secretariat and national coordinators are working towards further growth in 2019 and 2020.

Under the terms of the contract between KIMO International and Shetland Islands Council for provision of Secretariat services, the Secretariat has continued to address the contractual obligations. It works to meet the administrative and strategic needs of the organisation and to further improve and enhance the service provided, based on feedback from network colleagues and members. January 2019 saw the Secretariat participate in its third performance review with the Presidency Team. No performance issues were raised and the Secretariat received positive feedback from the Presidency Team. These reviews are repeated annually and an online feedback form circulated to Coordinators so that feedback from the KIMO National Boards will feed directly into the review process.

The Secretariat has continued to facilitate the work of the organisation through International Board meetings, preparation for the 2019 International Conference and AGM in Velsen, the Netherlands, and National Coordinator meetings, both face-to-face and online. The Secretariat has continued to carry out the activities agreed at these meetings and has continued to develop and implement initiatives to facilitate the organisation's work.

The Secretariat would like to acknowledge the assistance, support and cooperation it has received from KIMO members, especially from the Presidency Team, International Board, National Coordinators and Shetland Islands Council staff and members.

### 3. Other activities

#### Consultancy

In 2018, KIMO International brought in £28,114 of consultancy income into the organisation, retaining (after fees and expenses) a profit of £10,119.

#### The President

President Robert te Beest has represented KIMO at the following occasions:

- Guest at the North Sea Commission Annual Business Meeting in Fredrikstad, Norway in June 2018 where the cooperation agreement between KIMO and NSC was agreed.

- Attended the Our Ocean Conference and the GGGI AGM in Bali in October 2018.
- Participated in the final European Parliament Intergroup Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (SEARICA) Conference on healthy seas in Brussels in April, as a presenter and a panellist.
- Participated in and gave media interviews at a Fishing for Litter promotional event in Scotland in May.
- Participated in the Dutch Fishing for Litter stakeholders' conference in September.

## The KIMO Secretariat

The Secretariat is hosted by Shetland Islands Council (UK) and is located in the Shetland Islands. The Secretariat consists of Executive Secretary **Arabelle Bentley** and Communications, Marketing and Media Officer **Grioghair McCord** with support from the Executive Manager of Planning **Iain McDiarmid**. The Secretariat prepares the AGM, International Board, National Coordinator and Presidency Team meetings. It coordinates joint working across the networks and leads on KIMO's social media strategy. It represents KIMO at various high-level meetings and technical forums, conferences and workshops, including the European Commission, European Parliamentary Intergroup and Regional Seas Conventions.

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## Action Plan 2019-2020

The action plan is based on the priorities identified by KIMO members and is an update of the action plan for the past year.

In the final column of the Action Plan, relevant KIMO priority areas are cross-referenced against other relevant policy and legislation, in particular the UN Sustainable Development Goals, EU strategies and the work areas of the Regional Seas Conventions, OSPAR and HELCOM.

After the presentation there will be an **interactive session** to:

- provide a forum for members to discuss and identify issues of importance to them and of interest to other members;
- identify other focus areas that KIMO should focus on in the next years.

### Recommendation:

**The International Board recommends that the Annual General Meeting adopts the action plan 2019-2010.**

| KIMO International Action Plan 2019-2020                                       |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                     |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Action area                                                                    | Objectives                                                                                          | Key activities                                                                                                        | Timeline                                                                                                                            | Legislation/Policy |
| Increase the influence of the organisation both nationally and internationally | Ensure promotion of KIMO's priorities to relevant EU institutions, organisations and members states | Maintain and build new contacts with officers at DGs, Committee of the Regions, national offices, other organisations | Continuous – regular contact with relevant officials and stakeholders to keep them informed of KIMO activities – 2-3 times per year |                    |
|                                                                                |                                                                                                     | Establish partnerships and identify areas for cooperation with other international organisations                      | NSC October 2018,<br>FIDRA Sept 2018<br><br>Continuous                                                                              |                    |
|                                                                                | Influence strategy and policy of EU, OSPAR, HELCOM                                                  | Ensure decision makers are informed about KIMO's position                                                             | Continuous – lobbying, resolutions, campaigns, consultations                                                                        |                    |
|                                                                                | Raise KIMO's profile with stakeholders                                                              | Participate in international and national conferences and stakeholder events                                          | Continuous                                                                                                                          |                    |
|                                                                                | Influence IMO strategy                                                                              | Follow marine litter developments at MEPC                                                                             | Attend MEPC 75 March 2020 – follow paraffin and marine litter action plan developments                                              |                    |
|                                                                                |                                                                                                     | Consider applying to IMO for consultative status                                                                      | Application submitted and withdrawn March 2019                                                                                      |                    |
|                                                                                | Ensure visible support to other stakeholders and campaigns                                          | Promote campaigns that prevent/reduce marine pollution                                                                | Continuous                                                                                                                          | SDG 14.1           |
|                                                                                | Increase membership in KIMO countries                                                               | Establish new contacts, participate in events                                                                         | Continuous – plans in progress for a second event in Norway                                                                         |                    |

| Action area                                                                 | Objectives                                                                                  | Key activities                                                                                                                                       | Timeline                                                                        | Legislation/Policy                    |
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| Ensure members' voices are heard on issues affecting the marine environment | Lobby EU, RSCs, IMO to take effective action on marine pollution and maritime safety issues | Attend relevant meetings; submit papers & resolutions, participate in consultation and technical groups; campaign & raise issues on KIMO resolutions | Continuous – EU, OSPAR, HELCOM, IMO, SEARICA, GGGI, NFLA, NSC,                  |                                       |
|                                                                             |                                                                                             | Lobby for a ban on discharge of paraffin from ships tankers and pipes                                                                                | Ongoing - 2019 - IMO strengthens discharge requirements, pre-wash now mandatory | SDG 14.1<br>EU PRF Directive          |
|                                                                             |                                                                                             | Lobby for exemption cost for delivery of passively-fished waste in PRF Directive                                                                     | Achieved – Monitoring will be ongoing                                           | SDG 14.1, 14.2<br>RAP ML 30, 31<br>EU |
|                                                                             |                                                                                             | Develop political resolutions on relevant subjects                                                                                                   | At least one per year – 2 in 2018, 2 in 2019                                    |                                       |

| Action area                                                                                 | Objectives                                                                                                                                                                   | Key activities                                                                                   | Timeline                                                     | Legislation/Policy                      |
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| Promote a cross-border coordinated approach to the protection of coastal and maritime areas | Develop best practice on marine pollution issues, exchange and disseminate information on effective pollution prevention, clean-up operations and on sustainable development | Develop resource on limiting microplastics emissions                                             | 2020/21                                                      | SDG 11.6, 14.1<br>RAPML 46, 55<br>EU    |
|                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                              | Develop guidelines on Ecolabel/green procurement                                                 | 2020/21                                                      | SDG 11.6, 12.7, 14.1<br>RAP ML 71<br>EU |
|                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                              | Develop best practice guidelines for using artificial turf – collaboration with FIDRA            | Completed – available to download on the Pitch In webpage    | SDG 11.6, 12.4, 12.5, 14.1<br>EU        |
|                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                              | Review traffic safety in marine renewable energy installations                                   | 2020/21                                                      | SDG 14.2<br>HELCOM<br>Bonn Agreement    |
|                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                              | Review of ETV provision across NE Atlantic                                                       | 2020/21                                                      | SDG 14.2<br>OSPAR<br>Bonn Agreement     |
|                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                              | Update guidelines on nutrient emission and eutrophication in Baltic Sea                          | Review -update of current situation required                 | SDG 14.1<br>EU<br>HELCOM                |
|                                                                                             | Make joint representations against threatening proposals                                                                                                                     | Campaign and raise issues on existing resolutions; react and respond to situations as they arise | Continuous                                                   |                                         |
|                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                              | Campaign on 2018 & 2019 resolutions                                                              | Ongoing – 2018 resolutions already widely circulated in 2019 | SDG 11.6, 14.3<br>OSPAR<br>HELCOM       |

| Action area                                                                                   | Objectives                       | Key activities                                                                  | Timeline                                                  | Legislation/Policy            |
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| Lead by example in improving the marine environment of the NE Atlantic and Baltic Sea regions | Undertake demonstrative projects | Increase the number of ports and vessels that participate in Fishing for Litter | Continuous – OSPAR target and KIMO Fishing for Litter Hub | SDG 11.6, 14.1<br>OSPAR<br>EU |
|                                                                                               |                                  | Work towards a ban of mass balloon releases in member municipalities            | 2020 – plans in progress                                  | SDG 14.1<br>RAP ML            |
|                                                                                               |                                  | Continue to run and improve beach cleaning projects in all networks             | Continuous                                                | SDG 11.6, 14.1<br>RAP ML      |

| Action area                                                                       | Objectives                                             | Key activities                                                                     | Timeline                                                                                   | Legislation/Policy |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Provide members with a viable, supported and financially sustainable organisation | Provide to members a controlled and balanced budget    | Produce financial reports, outline financial economies and priorities              | AGM October 2019<br>IB Oct 2019, May 2020                                                  |                    |
|                                                                                   | Increase income                                        | Increase the number of members in KIMO countries                                   | Continuous                                                                                 |                    |
|                                                                                   |                                                        | Develop consultancy tender for OSPAR ICGML contract                                | Completed for 2019, re-evaluate for 2020                                                   |                    |
|                                                                                   |                                                        | Finalise consultancy work for UNESCO World Heritage Organisation                   | Completed January 2019                                                                     |                    |
|                                                                                   |                                                        | Seek & secure funding for Fishing for Litter Hub                                   | Ongoing                                                                                    |                    |
|                                                                                   | Communicate developments, progress and achievements    | Keep members & stakeholders informed of KIMO activities, events & consultations    | Continuous – newsletter 4x/year, website, Twitter, Sec. reports 4x/year                    |                    |
|                                                                                   |                                                        | Inform decision/policy makers at all levels about KIMO strategy & policy positions | Attend events and workshops; inform MEPs and CoR; informs relevant DGs and officials in EC |                    |
|                                                                                   | Enable more members to participate in KIMO meetings    | Investigate possibilities to webstream meetings                                    | 2020-21                                                                                    |                    |
|                                                                                   | Communicate KIMO involvement & achievement in projects | Spread & share information about project results and outputs                       | Continuous                                                                                 |                    |

## NOTES

### 1. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are universally recognised and addressed in strategies at all levels, from local to global. The goals and sub-goals of particular relevance to KIMOs work are given here and cross-referenced in the Action Plan:

#### SDG 11.6

By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management

#### SDG 12.4

By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment

#### SDG 12.5

By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

#### SDG 12.7

Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities

#### SDG 14.1

By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution

#### SDG 14.2

By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans

#### SDG 14.3

Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels

## **2. EU priorities/legislation**

- Water protection and management - Marine Strategy Framework Directive, marine pollution, urban wastewater, floodwater
- Circular economy
- Waste management – Single Use Plastics Directive, packaging waste, sewage sludge, port reception facilities, radioactive waste and substances, industrial emissions
- Blue Growth
- Maritime Spatial Planning
- Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> and other emissions
- Maritime safety

## **3. Organisations working at sea basin regional level**

### **North Sea region:**

#### **OSPAR - Oslo Paris Convention for the marine environment of the North-east Atlantic**

- Biological diversity & Ecosystems (Species & Habitats, Marine Protected Areas, Biodiversity monitoring & Assessment)
- Hazardous substances & Eutrophication
- Human Activities (Offshore renewables, Marine litter, Underwater noise, Fisheries and Mariculture, Shipping and ballast water, Dredging and dumping, Dumped Chemical & Conventional munitions)
- Offshore industry (Offshore installations, Discharges, Carbon Capture and Storage, Offshore Chemicals)
- Radioactive substances

### **Baltic Sea region:**

#### **HELCOM – Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission**

- Agriculture
- Fisheries
- Industrial and municipal releases – air emissions, riverine inputs, soil contamination
- Marine litter and noise
- Marine protected areas – protection from human activities of marine and coastal habitats
- Maritime Spatial Planning
- Monitoring and assessment – to assess state of pressures and long term trends on marine environment
- Response to spills
- Shipping – emissions, illegal discharges, sewage, invasive species, eutrophication
- Species and biotopes

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## Resolutions 2019

The following resolutions have been proposed:

1. Air pollution from ships in port - new Resolution 19/01, submitted by Norway and the Secretariat.
2. Lost Containers from Shipping - updated Resolution 1/08

### Recommendation:

**The Secretariat recommends that the AGM approves the resolutions.**

# KIMO RESOLUTION 19/01

## Air pollution from ships in port

### Introduction

Ports are gateways to international trade. Critical to economies across the world, they facilitate the global movement of goods and passengers. The demand for global trade is driving huge growth in ship traffic, with four times as many ships at sea now as in 1992. Maritime shipping supports about 90% of global trade and, in comparison to others forms of transportation, is the most energy-efficient way to move large volumes of cargo. However, like other forms of transportation that burn hydrocarbon fuels, ships create air pollution that causes climate change, degrades air quality, affects ecosystems, negatively impacts regional economies and adversely affects human health.

Commercial ships burn hydrocarbon fuels (heavy fuel oil) containing high concentrations of sulphur and toxic fuels banned from use in most other industrial and consumer applications. A lack of emission control regulation has allowed them to become major dischargers of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulphur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>) and particulate matter. These pollutants contribute significantly to climate change and ocean acidification, cause acid rain and smog, and create damaging health issues for communities, especially those near major ports.

The cruise industry is the fastest-growing category in the leisure travel market. Demand for cruising has increased by 21% in the last 5 years, with around 30 million travellers expected to cruise this year. The increase in both the numbers and the size of passenger cruise ships puts pressure on port facilities, often requiring ships to moor away from the quayside and to keep their engines running continuously to power their vessels, causing a sharp drop in air quality in the port area.

### Background

The Port of Bergen (Norway) is a major northern European cruise port, receiving around 335 cruise ships per year. A study by the Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Centre in Bergen has illustrated that under certain meteorological conditions, pollution from ships in the port is the primary contributor to air pollution in the city centre, largely caused by the much higher emissions from cruise liners compared to (for example) offshore platform supply vessels.

In 2016, the European Commission published EU Directive 2016/802 relating to a reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels, which introduced a 0.5% limit on sulphur content in marine fuels in the North Sea, English Channel and Baltic Sea, and a 0.1% limit in SO<sub>x</sub> Emission Control Areas.

In 2018, the International Maritime Organisation agreed to require the shipping sector to reduce its emissions by at least 50% by 2050 compared to 2008. From 1 January 2020, under the IMO's MARPOL Convention for the prevention of pollution from ships, it also agreed that the sulphur content of fuel oil used by ships operating outside designated emission control areas must not exceed 0.5%, representing an 80% cut from the 3.5% limit.

### Position

KIMO welcomes the European Commission and International Maritime Organisation decisions to reduce emissions from the shipping sector but recognises that:

- according to recent research in the journal *Nature*, ship pollution can be linked to 400,000 premature deaths and 14 million asthma cases in children.

- the 50% reduction target falls short of the 70-100% cut that is needed to align shipping emissions to the goals of the Paris Agreement
- a plan of action and robust short-term measures need also to be in place if the target is to be met
- there is a need for strong monitoring and enforcement to ensure proper implementation and compliance with the legislation.

KIMO believes that reductions in emissions could be taken further by introducing means of control that encourage that encourage ship owners to switch to low-sulphur fuel and invest in equipment that reduces nitrogen oxides and particulate matter in exhaust gases, at reasonable economic cost.

The Port of Bergen has achieved this for cruise ships through differentiated port fees. Cruise ships are rated using an Environmental Port Index (EPI) that delivers an environmental score according to how well the ship operates according to minimum legal requirements of SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. A portion of the port fee is then differentiated according to the EPI score. Ships that have taken measures to limit their emissions will be charged less than those that have not (the 'polluter pays' principle). A similar system is in operation in a number of Swedish ports.

The Port of Bergen has also built 15 shore-side power installations, allowing other vessels in port to connect to shore power and turn off their diesel engines. Increasing numbers of ports, including Ålesund and Copenhagen-Malmö, are also developing shore power facilities.

#### **KIMO:**

**Recognising the need for a clean environment in and around the Northern seas and the threat posed to human health and marine ecosystems by emissions from ships**

#### **Urges:**

- **European Governments, the European Commission and International Maritime Organisation to take vigorous action to significantly decrease emissions of oxides from sulphur and nitrogen and diesel particulate matter from ships;**
- **The European Commission and International Maritime Organisation to introduce technical measures (such as scrubbers and particulate filters) to reduce emissions from shipping;**
- **The European Commission and IMO to mandate a reduction in air pollution from ships in port;**
- **European Governments to take unilateral action to reduce emissions of pollutants from ships in port by introducing measures that encourage ship owners to switch to low-sulphur fuels and by promoting and supporting investment in shore-side power provision.**

#### **KIMO members:**

- **Agree to submit this Resolution to all National Governments, the European Commission, the International Maritime Organisation and other relevant organisations.**

*This resolution was agreed unanimously by delegates at the 29<sup>th</sup> KIMO International Annual General Meeting in Velsen, the Netherlands, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and became KIMO policy upon that date.*

# KIMO RESOLUTION 1/08 (updated 2019)

## Lost Containers from Shipping

### Introduction

KIMO first raised the issue of pollution from containerships and the related lack of robust compensation regimes with regard to this sector of the shipping industry in 1995 at the 4<sup>th</sup> North Sea Ministerial Conference in Esbjerg and subsequently at the 5<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference in Bergen 2002 where Ministers agreed to “To make coordinated efforts within IMO to review, strengthen and introduce, if appropriate, further compensation and liability regimes.”

Despite these assurances and campaigning by KIMO and other actors, the current position remains that cargo from spilled containers that has polluted the coastlines continues to create an environmental, operational and financial burden on coastal authorities unless the ship owner’s insurance has been willing to meet the cost.

### Background

There has been a rapid increase in the worldwide containership fleet. In terms of value, global container trade now accounts for 60% of all seaborne trade. While the quantity of goods being carried by containers has risen from 102 million metric tons in 1980 to 1.83 billion metric tons in 2017, vessels have also increased their capacity. Between 1980 and 2018, the deadweight tonnage of container ships has grown from 11 million metric tons to around 253 million metric tons and the global container ship fleet has the capacity to carry more than 20 million standard containers.

Concern about container loss incidents in European waters is widespread. A number of global carriers have suffered incidents over the years, many of which go unreported. For the period 2008-2016, an average of 1,582 containers were lost each year, 64% of which were from catastrophic events (defined as incidents in which more than 50 containers are lost). Recent incidents include the Mediterranean Shipping Company’s ultra-large containership MSC Zoe which lost approximately 270 containers overboard in German waters after being caught in heavy seas between Vlieland, Netherlands and the German Bight in the southeastern North Sea on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. This was the second largest known container ship loss from a ship due to heavy weather (the largest was from the Svendborg Maersk which lost 517 containers off the port of Brest, France, in February 2014).

A significant amount of debris from broken containers including toys, household items and white goods washed up on Dutch and German islands in the Wadden Sea, an area awarded UNESCO World Heritage and Natura 2000 status and recognised by the International Maritime Organisation as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) requiring special protection. Volunteers, fishermen and the military were involved in extensive clean-up operations which have cost €260,000 to island municipalities and €777,296 to private companies. It is expected that lost cargo will continue to be washed up on beaches and shores for many months and the extent of the pollution will increase as the debris is carried further by the strong currents.

Bad ship design, flimsy containers, faulty twist locks, bad stowage, shoddy maintenance, poor seamanship, top heavy container stacks, mis-declared cargo, bad weather, commercial pressures, lack of compliance and communication failure all contribute to an increasing number of similar incidents.

Containerships and general cargo ships may carry hugely varied cargos anything from plastic pellets, polythene, training shoes, and tobacco to fridges and car parts and there may be many different types of cargo in a single container, making it difficult to reconcile containers that have been lost over the side with the ship’s manifest.

Containerships operate at much higher speeds in order to move cargos around the world quickly and keep delivery times down. Modern containerships are designed to operate at service speeds of up to around 22 knots, much faster than tankers or bulk carriers. This higher speed will result in greater impact in collisions and groundings resulting in more damage to the vessel when compared to lower speeds. Therefore there is a greater risk that containers will be lost overboard if an accident does occur.

The ever-increasing incidents of lost containers that are arriving on coastlines and beaches are now becoming an issue for coastal local authorities. Although most of these incidents involve non-toxic pollution such as consumer goods, an increasing number of incidents are involving toxic material which adds a further burden to local emergency services. As the main providers of cleanup responses Local Authorities have to bear the cost of *clean-up*.

## **Position**

KIMO is of the opinion that, as well as inadequate cover in the compensation and liability regimes for pollution from shipping, there are technical improvements that could be made to reduce the number of containers lost from vessels every year and the associated financial burden on coastal communities that have to clean them up.

## **KIMO:**

**Recognising the need to reduce the number of containers lost overboard each year and to mitigate their environmental impact, including on coastal communities**

**Recognising the need to establish environmental liability and ensure that the polluter pays for the costs of clean up and having regard to KIMO Resolution 01/05 (A convention on liability and compensation for damage in connection with the carriage of non-toxic substances)**

## **Urges:**

**All European Governments, the European Commission and *European* Parliament to act in unison at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to establish the following measures:**

- **Ensure and enforce ship planning vessel compliance;**
- **Ensure proper transparency on container losses;**
- **Facilitate container traceability and visibility to boost their recovery;**
- **Review and strengthen the construction criteria for containers with regard to current stacking heights;**
- **Review and strengthen specifications and maintenance regimes for twist locks;**
- **Clarify the legal status of lost containers and related liabilities**
- **Introduce financial penalties and compensation regimes for the retrieval of lost containers and their contents**

**All European Governments, the European Commission and the European Parliament to work towards a Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Non-Toxic Substances including strict liability on ship owners for pollution from their vessels, compulsory insurance for all vessels and a reserve fund to cover any shortfalls in compensation.**

**KIMO members:**

**Agree to submit this Resolution to all National Governments, the European Commission and other relevant organisations.**

*This Resolution was agreed unanimously by delegates at the 18<sup>th</sup> KIMO International Annual General Meeting in Tønder, Denmark, on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and became KIMO policy upon that date. This update was agreed unanimously by delegates at the 29<sup>th</sup> KIMO International Annual General Meeting in Velsen, the Netherlands, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.*

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## Reports from the Networks 2018-2019

Reports from the KIMO networks are attached.

### Recommendation:

**The Annual General Meeting is asked to note the network reports 2018-2019**



## KIMO Network Report - 2019

### Network Name:

KIMO Denmark

### Summary

No new members in 2019. One observer municipality at board meetings.  
The Danish coordinators contract will continue into 2021.  
Current Issues are plastic management plans, artificial turf in football pitches, paraffin washings and removal of stranded ships in the coastal zone.  
3-4 projects are underway with a focus on marine litter and clean coasts.  
The coastal lottery project is now being coordinated by KIMO Denmark.  
KIMO Denmark published 3 articles in a national magazine for municipal technical experts.  
Representation of KIMO: 7 presentations (3 for municipalities), 2 information booths.  
4 national board meetings were held in this period, as well as diverse meetings of interest to furthering the national and international agenda.

### Membership

(Please include the number of members currently in your network and state if any are new to your network. Also include the names of any members which have left your network in the past year)

There are 17 member municipalities in Denmark. One municipality has observer status in 2019.  
There were no gains or losses in 2019. We send updates about our work and the work of KIMO International as well as invitations to board meetings to potential new members.

### Staffing

Ryan Metcalfe continues to work as national coordinator and international liaison officer for KIMO.

The current contract is until march 2020 and will be renewed into 2021.

We are looking at options to be able to continue the work as a full time coordinator through funding for project work.

## **Current issues**

Some member municipalities have passed resolutions to stop balloon releases and have drafts of plastic management plans in progress.

Partnership with the University of Aalborg about analysis of paraffin washings. The work is aiming at effective identification and tracking pollutants back to the polluters.

Concern about plastic releases from artificial football pitches and how municipalities and users can reduce this impact.

Managing removal and associated costs of stranded ships in the coastal zone. This is based on an actual case from the municipality of Fanø.

## **Projects**

KIMO Denmark monitors 3 reference beaches, 3 times a year for the Danish Ministry of the Environment. This project is a continuation of the previous contract and project runs from 2019-2021.

KIMO Denmark collaborated with KIMO International to write the minutes for the OSPAR ICG-ML group as well as follow up on the agreed upon actions from the meeting.

KIMO Denmark follows the work of a group that is working on creating a machine that can remove plastic nurdles from beaches. This is project sponsored by the Danish Ocean Plastic Forum coalition.

We participated in the “Race for Oceans” awareness event during the summer and organised beach clean ups. Together we are seeking funding to expand this project for summer 2020.

Clean Coastline project was completed with a final conference from the 6-8 November 2018 in Hankø, Norway. An Ocean of Possibilities project was also completed in fall of 2018.

KIMO Denmark is coordinating the Danish coastal lottery. This is a project, which originated in Norway and was tested in Denmark in 2018 via the “Clean Coastline” Interreg project.

3 articles were written for the municipal magazine “Teknik og Miljø” for the summer 2019 issue.

## **Meetings and Presentations**

4 board meetings in the period: Vordingborg 14. December 2018, Hjørring 1. March 2019, Esbjerg 17. June 2019, Slagelse 13 September 2019

Membership drive in Norway, presentation about KIMO from a Danish perspective, Lillesand, Norway, 10-12 October 2018

Presentation on marine litter in Nordic Waters, Clean Coastline project conference, Norway 6-8. November 2018

Final project meeting – An Ocean of Possibilities, presentation of project results, Copenhagen, 19. November 2018

Meeting with Danish Shipping Industry, Copenhagen, 32. November 2018

Seminar on Sanctions for dumping waste at Sea, Berlin, 29-30 November 2018

Launch of Ocean Plastic Forum, Copenhagen, 4. December 2018

Presentation for the Municipality of Struer about KIMO, 8. January 2019

Meeting with representatives from the Municipality of Tønder, 29. January 2019

Dialog meeting with the Danish Coast Guards “Havmiljøvogtere” (Sea Guardians) program, 4. February 2019

Connecting Seas conference, Hamburg, 12-14 February 2019

Meeting with Norwegian Coastal Lottery Coordinators, Frederikshavn, 25. February 2019

Participation at EIHA for KIMO International, Copenhagen 9-11. April 2019

Presentation about marine litter, “Strandingsmuseet”, Thorsminde, 25. April 2019

KIMO coordinators meeting, international board meeting, Lerwick, 6-8 May 2019

Information booth, Naturmeeting, Hirtshals, 23-25. May 2019

Presentation about KIMO for the municipality of Jammerbugt, 3. June 2019

OSPAR ICGML, Reykjavik, 11-13 June 2019

Race for Oceans, beach clean ups, 13. 14 and 22. August 2019

Information booth, Vegvisir Sailing Race, Guldborgsund, 15-17. August 2019

Presentation, Marine Litter, School experiment, Esbjerg, 26. August 2019

Oil spill training exercise (observer), Børsmose, 1. October 2019

OSPAR monitoring of 3 beaches in April, June and September 2019

Numerous project planning and internal meetings

National coordinators Skype meetings

3 press releases from KIMO Denmark in this period and increased activity on Twitter





## KIMO Network Report - 2019

### Network Name:

KIMO Germany

### Summary

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### Membership

(Please include the number of members currently in your network and state if any are new to your network. Also include the names of any members which have left your network in the past year)

Insel- und Halligkonferenz e.V. (IHKo)  
Schutzgemeinschaft Deutsche Nordseeküste e.V. (SDN)

### Staffing

No staff especially just for KIMO work. KIMO is a project itself within both organisations. The National Coordinator of KIMO Germany tries to participate at least at the yearly AGM if possible.

### Current issues

Prevention of services for the public (Daseinsvorsorge). That includes work, living space, health supply, traffic infrastructure, educational establishment. This year the focus is on nursing home and energy supply on regional resources and the role of the municipalities.

Demand for a German coast guard with a central responsible organisation.

Driving rules for sailing boats in the Wadden Sea.

Further development of the National Park House of the SDN in Varel-Dangast.

### Projects

Insel- und Halligkonferenz:

The two big project are still going on and binding the time.

Organisation of a "wifi-net-Uthlande" with free access to everybody build up on the basis of glass fibre. The implementation starts with the first call. The one for guidance at the project.. The second project is going to be finished hopefully in this year. Working on a brochure "Expedition Uthlande" with walking tours around the islands stopping at points of interests on special themes: nature, history, culture, myth.

Schutzgemeinschaft Deutsche Nordseeküste:

Processing of the work of the Havariekommando in connection with the unavoidable stranding of the freighter "Glory Amsterdam" 2017 in front of Langeoog.

Demand for the mandatory use of locating devices on all containers transported by sea.

## **Meetings and Presentations**

20190424 AGM IHKo on the Island Helgoland

20190617 AGM SDN in Brunsbüttel

20191025 AGM IHKo on the Island Amrum





## KIMO Network Report - 2019

### Network Name:

KIMO Netherlands and Belgium

### Summary

In 2019 KIMO NI/B worked rather hard, which started already on 2 January due to the loss of hundreds of containers off the northern Dutch coast by the MSC Zoe. Discussions about the amounts of additional FFL-waste caused and its related cost are still ongoing. The implementation of two Green Deals and the national Fishing for Litter scheme, all 3 projects with many stakeholders, is still running and a success. For financial reasons and partly by coincidence we were able to join a EuropeAid project in Georgia where we are entirely responsible for the stakeholder engagement process and drafting of a national marine environment strategy and action plan (based on the EU MSFD).

### Membership

(Please include the number of members currently in your network and state if any are new to your network. Also include the names of any members which have left your network in the past year)

There are 35 municipalities Member of KIMO the Netherlands Belgium. Unfortunately, Knokke-Heist has left and two municipalities merged.

### Staffing

There are 2.5 staff members working at the national secretariat: Joke van Dijk (secretarial support), Jan Joris Midavaine (deputy executive secretary/FFL-coordinator) and Mike Mannaart (executive secretary/head research and advice)

### Current issues

Important topics are currently the container loss of the MSC Zoe off the Western Frisian Islands on 2 January 2019. The future of the implementation and funding of Fishing for Litter in the Netherlands and the future of the Green Deal Fishing for a Clean Sea and the Green Deal Clean Beaches which both will stop at 2020.

## **Projects**

Key projects of a national nature:

Fishing for Litter in the Netherlands,  
Green Deal Fishing for a Clean Sea and the  
Green Deal Clean Beaches.

An additional international project for financial purposes: the establishment of a National Marine Environment Strategy and Action Programme for Georgia as part of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, EuropeAid project (1 staff member 6 months in Georgia during 1.5 years)

## **Meetings and Presentations**

12 September: Fishing for a Clean Sea, symposium (appr. 80 attendees)

4 July: EU workshop on container transport with DG Mare, DG Environment and DG Transport in Brussels, on behalf of both KIMO Int. and KIMO NL/B: 4 presentations were delivered;

12 April: A safe sea for all of us, national KIMO NL/B symposium and council meeting (appr. 100 attendees);

12&13 March: meetings with DG Mare and DG Transport in Brussels

All 2019, nationally: various meetings and presentations delivered for the Green Deals and Fishing for Litter

All 2019, internationally: 17 workgroup meetings and/or group interviews (including 7 presentations delivered) in Georgia (approx.. 100 attendees, including 3 deputy ministers, the Head of the EU Delegation to Georgia and representatives of 5 ministries)

Two presentations on behalf of KIMO International delivered



## KIMO Network Report - 2019

### Network Name:

KIMO Sweden

### Summary

One more member, Falkenberg  
New chairman Emmyly Bönfors  
Press release – balloon release and confetti  
Four meetings in KIMO Sweden for members.  
A referral opinion sent to Gothenburg Region GR about coastal planning.  
Participation at North Sea Commission meeting at Marstrand

### Membership

(Please include the number of members currently in your network and state if any are new to your network. Also include the names of any members which have left your network in the past year)

Falkenberg municipality is new member this year.  
KIMO Sweden has 13 members.  
Simrishamn, Malmö, Lomma, Helsingborg, Varberg, Göteborg, Öckerö, Kungälv, Tjörn, Sotenäs, Tanum, Uddevalla and Falkenberg.

### Staffing

The City of Gothenburg provides a coordinator for KIMO Sweden. The current coordinator is Karin Meyer. (15 % FTE)  
Our new chairman is Emmyly Bönfors who was elected in March this year.

### Current issues

Microplastic from artificial turf.  
Recruitment of new members.  
We currently have four working groups: communication, plastic, biodiversity and impact.  
In May we sent a referral opinion on Gothenburg Region GRs planning for coastline.

## Projects

### Balloon release and confetti

Before school closes for summer and student celebrations start, a letter was sent to high schools and a press release to the media. KIMO Sweden wanted to address the problems we see with balloon release and confetti. We informed and encouraged students to choose other options such as petals or soap bubbles. Some newspapers wrote about it and our coordinator was interviewed three times on radio. We will go further in this matter, because especially the use of plastic confetti is still a big problem. Uddevalla municipality made a short film to pay attention to the problem in nature and the sea.

## Meetings and Presentations

We have four meetings a year. Our members take turns to host the meetings. Every member is represented by one political and one officer. Our meetings have been very informative and progressive.

Our network meetings have a standardised format. We start with a presentation about a current and local/regional issue or we get a guided tour that highlights a topically relevant issue. The host municipality prepares the program together with the coordinator. Then the formal meeting begins. We always share news from KIMO International. The meetings usually last for five hours including lunch hosted by the host municipality. This year we have had three meetings, one in Gothenburg, one in Sotenäs and one in Uddevalla. And soon we will have meeting in Falkenberg 18 November.

In Gothenburg we had two presentations. The first was about Gothenburg's work with environmental quality standards for water. The second was a presentation from The Gothenburg Region GR (a co-operative organisation uniting thirteen municipalities in western Sweden) about a planning document for the coastline.

In Sotenäs we were guided through the Sotenäs Symbiosis Centre. A most impressive centre where they reuse plastic that is cleaned up from the sea.

In Uddevalla we looked at an exhibition called Re:Use! The exhibition told us how people handled garbage in the past, how it's done in the present and challenges visitors to think about how we can better handle our garbage in the future. Re:Use is world-unique in its design because it is 100 % recycled and largely 3D-printed from various forms of garbage.

In June our coordinator represented KIMO International on the North Sea Commission's meeting on Marstrand, an island in Kungälv municipality north Gothenburg. It was both a meeting and a cleaning activity on a small island close to Marstrand.



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### Summary

Significant time has been spent on grant claims, invoicing, harbour management and grant applications.

KIMO UK is still primarily focussed on the Fishing For Litter project management and expansion with the addition of the net recycling project now starting to take up more time with its development.

Recruitment of new members for KIMO UK remains a top priority.

### Membership

(Please include the number of members currently in your network and state if any are new to your network. Also include the names of any members which have left your network in the past year)

Number of members: 8 (Highland Council, Aberdeen City Council, Orkney Council, Shetland islands Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Argyll & Bute Council, South Ayrshire Council and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar).

Highland Council re-joined KIMO as of May 2018.

South Ayrshire Council joined KIMO as of May 2019.

### Staffing

KIMO UK staffing level remains unchanged at 0.25 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) Coordinator for KIMO UK business plus 0.75 FTE Coordinator and a part time Administrator working 14.5 hours per week, fully funded by Fishing for Litter Scotland (funded by EMFF).

At the March 2019 Board meeting, the Chair (Cllr Andrea Manson, Shetland Islands Council) resigned from her post as Chair and the Vice Chair, Provost William Howatson (Aberdeenshire Council) was elected as Chair for the remaining term of the post.

## Current issues

**Emergency Towing Vessels** - Lobbying of MPs and MSPs for adequate ETV provision has commenced. An ETV working group will be set up in the near future.

## Projects

### Fishing for Litter

Total removed since Fishing for Litter began in Scotland is: 1,516.87 tonnes

Total removed since Fishing for Litter began in England is: 270 tonnes

Number of Harbours in Scotland: 20

Number of Harbours in England: 12

Number of Boats in Scotland: 300 (this number is to be quantified more accurately)

Number of Boats in England: 160

Tesco are currently funding Lochinver Harbour.

Peterhead Port Authority now has two enclosed skips.

FFL in Norfolk is still being pursued.

Pick up Three Pieces: KIMO UK continues to promote 'Pick up Three Pieces' during presentations to schools.

Net Recycling Scotland: We will continue to review opportunities as they arise.

## Meetings and Presentations

### Scottish Rural Awards, Edinburgh March 2019

KIMO UK won the Scottish Rural Award for Conservation and the Environment 2019. KIMO UK were originally nominated for our Fishing For Litter project but once the judges learned more about the organisation, the SRA wanted to give credit for all the work KIMO UK do and the impact KIMO UK have both in the UK and internationally.

**Scotland Excel** On the 17th April, the Coordinator gave a 45 minute presentation as the keynote speaker at the Scotland Excel annual conference in Glasgow. KIMO were also given the opportunity to conduct workshops for the afternoon in conjunction with FIDRA. One of the workshops focussed on the new Pitch In interactive game. The entire event was a success and there was lots of interest in KIMO. The Coordinator is now following up leads from the event with the help of Scotland Excel.

### Marine Litter Strategy Steering Group (MLSSG)

The Coordinator attended the MLSSG quarterly meeting on the 16th of April in Edinburgh. The main decision made at the meeting was to rewrite the Marine Litter Strategy and simplify our targets.

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## Election of President and Vice-Presidents 2019

According to the KIMO Constitution, the President, Senior Vice-President and Junior Vice President shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting for a period of two years. The Senior Vice President should be the retiring President. The Junior Vice President should become President after two years.

### Recommendation:

**The Secretariat recommends that the Annual General Meeting, for the period AGM 2019-AGM 2021, elects:**

- 1. Councillor Jerry Ahlström to the role of KIMO International President;**
- 2. Councillor Robert te Beest to the role of KIMO International Senior Vice President;**
- 3. Councillor Trish Robertson to the role of KIMO International Junior Vice President.**

At the International Board meeting in May it was agreed to adopt a more democratic process of election to the **Junior Vice President** role, governed by the following principles:

- That it was important to maintain the rota system for each country in turn (where possible)
- That there is a need to ensure that the person elected holds a genuine interest in marine environmental matters
- That the process for appointments is robust enough to ensure that the next person in line of succession wants to take on the role
- That the process takes note of the conventions of the organisation whilst also maintaining maximum flexibility
- That the JVP does not have to be a network Chair but must be a councillor from any member municipality
- That an elected JVP should serve on their national Board.

A robust process is now in place and, by the deadline for applications, the Secretariat had received one application for the position of Junior Vice President from Trish Robertson, Highland Council, UK, which has been endorsed by the International Board. More information about Trish can be found on the attached CV.

## Trish Robertson - CV

Wife, Mother and Grandmother who left school at the age of 16 with 9 O Grades

### Career:

I worked in retail while my children were young initially as a checkout operator. In my 8 years with Co-operative Wholesale Society I moved on to supervise the computer system of the first scanning store in Scotland, picking up the job of Checkout Manager as added duties. I was the International Computers Ltd (ICL) trainer on site for all computer operators when new systems were installed. In the age when these systems were being introduced I also wrote a simplified manual for new operatives.

With my second husband, I moved to the West Coast of Scotland to begin the restoration of a walled garden. This was before it became a fashionable idea! We also cared for the Highland Cows on the Estate and encouraged the move to organic production. In the autumn, we augmented our income picking whelks. You learn a bit about the sea when cowering among the rocks to avoid the weather and watching for the tide turning! During this time, I was elected to the community council, where as an outsider I was able to mediate the resolution of a long-standing dispute within the community.

In 2000, we moved to Romania to grow vegetables in a project intended to help the Roma population to improve their living experience through subsistence agriculture. This led to helping the outcast community to access education and healthcare and essential life items. In getting to know the community, I learned a bit about recycling by salvaging items from what others throw away. The community relied on this for an income.

On return to the UK, I returned to full time education to complete my degree and graduated in 2011.

Moving to Ardersier in 2013, I was again elected to Community Council. As Chair, I headed the initial campaign against Scottish Water upgrading the water treatment works. Not completely successful we have ensured the village has a voice in any changes to the plant in the future.

I was first elected to Highland Council in October 2016 at a by-election I am the Liberal Democrat member for the three member Ward of Culloden and Ardersier. On re-election in 2017, I was given the post of Vice Chair Environment, Development and Infrastructure. One of my first actions was to find out why Highland Council were no longer signed up to KIMO. The decision not to renew was taken due to budget cuts and was soon reversed!

Through all my adventures I have become very aware of how one person's actions can have a detrimental effect on an innocent further along the chain. The poorest in Romania were careful not to pollute the watercourses as those further downstream would be affected. The industrialisation of the country ignored this point. The country is still working to recover from the damage done under the previous regime. It will take a strong united voice to change the attitude that is blind to the pollution of our seas.

The climate emergency and oil rig decommissioning are important issues for the next few years. The KIMO voice will be required to inform of the dangers these represent. We will need more municipalities to join us to strengthen our voice. There has been an assumption over the centuries that the sea can deal with any waste humans produce. We now know this is not the case. KIMO must spread the message to everyone that it is the responsibility of every individual to care for the environment to preserve the planet for the generations that are to come.

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## Members of the KIMO International Board

Members of the KIMO International Board are the President, the two Vice Presidents and one representative from each country represented in KIMO.

The national members are shown in the table below.

| Country                      | Member                                                               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Denmark                      | Preben Friis-Hauge (until Jan 2020)<br>Karsten Filsø (from Jan 2020) |
| Faroe Islands (Group member) | Vacant                                                               |
| Germany (Group member)       | Vacant                                                               |
| Lithuania                    | Vacant                                                               |
| Netherlands                  | Sebastian Dinjens                                                    |
| Norway                       | Pål Koren Pedersen                                                   |
| Sweden                       | Emmyly Bonfors                                                       |
| UK                           | William Howatson                                                     |

Recommendation:

**The Annual General Meeting is invited to confirm the members of the KIMO International Board for 2019/20.**

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## KIMO Secretariat services provision

In May 2019, the International Board voted unanimously to offer an extension to the contract with Shetland Island Council to provide the Secretariat services to KIMO International for a further five year period, according to the provision made in the original tender. Shetland Islands Council was delighted to accept this offer.

This agreement between KIMO and Shetland Islands Council will be formally acknowledged during the Annual General Meeting by representatives from both organisations.

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## Financial Report 2018

### Recommendation:

**The Secretariat recommends that the Annual General Meeting:**

- 1. Approves the financial report for 2018;**
- 2. Approves the transfer of the 2018 surplus of £12,903 to the reserve.**

### **Summary:**

- Total income: £115, 604
- Total expenditure: £102,701
- Total spent on travel: £12,404 (£2,404 over budget)
- Surplus: £12,903
- Reserves at 1 April 2019 - £50,677

## Budget vs Actual 2018

|                                                               | Actual 2018 £      | Budget 2018 £     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                                                 |                    |                   |
| Membership fees                                               | 87,490             | 86,070            |
| OSPAR ICG marine litter income                                | 19,923             | -                 |
| Travel reimbursements                                         | -                  | -                 |
| Other income                                                  | 8,191              | -                 |
| Donations                                                     | -                  | -                 |
|                                                               | <hr/> 115,604      | <hr/> 86,070      |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                                            |                    |                   |
| Secretariat (SIC)                                             | 67,147             | 67,147            |
| Travel expenses (combined)                                    | 12,404             | 10,000            |
| <i>OSPAR</i>                                                  | 2,083              | -                 |
| <i>HELCOM</i>                                                 | 550                | -                 |
| <i>President</i>                                              | 1,239              | -                 |
| <i>EU</i>                                                     | 119                | -                 |
| <i>KIMO</i>                                                   | 4,307              | -                 |
| <i>Other</i>                                                  | 4,106              | -                 |
| Consultancy                                                   | 17,955             |                   |
| Accountancy                                                   | 1,299              | 1,500             |
| Meeting expenses                                              | 920                | 750               |
| Telephone                                                     | 488                | 350               |
| Miscellaneous                                                 | 76                 | 1,300             |
| Stationery                                                    | -                  | 200               |
| Website expenses                                              | 522                | 350               |
| Insurance                                                     | 300                | 500               |
| Promotional expenses <sup>1</sup>                             | 1,241              | 1,051             |
| Bank charges                                                  | 349                | 140               |
|                                                               | <hr/> 102,701      | <hr/> 83,288      |
| <b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION</b>         | <hr/> 12,903       | <hr/> 2,782       |
| Taxation                                                      | -                  | -                 |
| <b>RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR AFTER TAXATION</b> | <hr/> <hr/> 12,903 | <hr/> <hr/> 2,782 |

<sup>1</sup>The remainder of the £5,000 which the IB agreed to pay out of reserves in the 2016 budget for the purposes of organisational promotion. A portion of this money was spent in 2016 (£1,019) and 2017 (£2,930).

## Year-on-year comparison

|                                                               | 2018 £             | 2017 £            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                                                 |                    |                   |
| Membership fees                                               | 87,490             | 79,316            |
| OSPAR ICG marine litter income                                | 19,923             | 20,323            |
| Travel reimbursements                                         | -                  | -                 |
| Other income                                                  | 8,191              | -                 |
| Donations                                                     | -                  | -                 |
|                                                               | <hr/> 115,604      | <hr/> 99,639      |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                                            |                    |                   |
| Secretariat (SIC)                                             | 67,147             | 66,482            |
| Travel expenses (combined)                                    | 12,404             | 11,430            |
| Consultancy                                                   | 17,955             | 13,832            |
| Accountancy                                                   | 1,299              | 1,185             |
| Meeting expenses                                              | 920                | 577               |
| Telephone                                                     | 488                | 377               |
| Miscellaneous                                                 | 76                 | 403               |
| Website expenses                                              | 522                | 159               |
| Basecamp                                                      | -                  | 168               |
| Insurance                                                     | 300                | 300               |
| Promotional expenses <sup>1</sup>                             | 1,331              | 2,930             |
| Bank charges                                                  | 349                | 250               |
|                                                               | <hr/> 102,701      | <hr/> 98,093      |
| <b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION</b>         | <hr/> 12,903       | <hr/> 1,546       |
| Taxation                                                      | -                  | -                 |
| <b>RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR AFTER TAXATION</b> | <hr/> <hr/> 12,903 | <hr/> <hr/> 1,546 |

## Comments:

- The full financial statement has been endorsed by the International Board and can be shown on request;
- A full list of financial transactions can be shown on request.

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## International Budget 2020

### Recommendation:

**The Secretariat recommends that the International Board:**

- 1. endorses the KIMO International Budget 2020;**
- 2. agrees to allocate £25,000 from reserves to support membership and project acquisition.**

### **Comments:**

The following should be noted with regard to the preparation of this draft budget:

- Budget assumes an increase of 2.0% to membership fees to adjust for inflation;
- Income from consultancy work/unplanned income is excluded.

**KIMO International Budget 2020 - Draft**

| <b>INCOME</b>                                | <b>2020</b>    |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <hr/>                                        |                |
| <b>Membership Fees</b>                       | <b>£</b>       |
| Sweden                                       | 15,726         |
| Netherlands                                  | 37,608         |
| Denmark                                      | 23,981         |
| UK                                           | 8,885          |
| Group – Faroe, IHK, SDN,<br>Norway           | 7,959          |
| Independent – Klaipeda,<br>Farsund, Torshavn | 3,669          |
| <hr/>                                        |                |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                          | <b>£97,829</b> |
| <hr/>                                        |                |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                           | <b>2020</b>    |
| <hr/>                                        |                |
|                                              | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Secretariat</b>                           | 68,497         |
| <b>Meeting Expenses</b>                      | 1000           |
| <br><b>Travel and Subsistence</b>            | 15,000         |
| <br><b>Audit and Accounts</b>                | 1,500          |
| <br><b>Office and Administration</b>         |                |
| Telephone                                    | 200            |
| Stationary / Promotional<br>materials        | 500            |
| Website                                      | 750            |
| Promotional expenses                         | 5,000          |
| <br><b>Bank</b>                              | 400            |
| <b>Insurance</b>                             | 350            |
| <b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>                | 750            |
| <hr/>                                        |                |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                     | <b>£93,947</b> |
| <hr/>                                        |                |
| <b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>                       | <b>+£3,882</b> |
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## DISPOSAL OF RESERVE

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Total reserve 01.04.2019 | 50,677 |
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| To be used for project & membership acquisition | 25,000 |
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|-------------------|--------|
| Remaining reserve | 25,677 |
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## Comments

If approved, it is intended that up to £25,000 from the reserve be used to support work on expanding KIMO membership and on project acquisition, with the intention of bringing in more sustainable income into KIMO.

This will contribute to KIMO Action Plan, Action Area 5 - 'Provide members with a viable, supported and financially sustainable organisation.

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## KIMO Honorary Member

In 2017, the Annual General Meeting voted to include a new honorary membership category within KIMO's membership structure. The role of honorary member will be offered to individuals on whom the organisation wishes to confer this status in recognition of the significant contribution they have made to KIMO. It will allow ex-KIMO politicians and officers to be able to continue to advocate on behalf of the organisation.

In 2018, the Secretariat received nominations from the International President for two candidates, Mayor Albert de Hoop and Mr Rick Nickerson. These were agreed by the International Board without hesitation and approved by the Annual General Meeting in Aalborg, Denmark, last year.

Albert de Hoop was the longest serving President of KIMO International, serving two terms from 2008-2011. He brought drive, vision and integrity to the role, using his experience to identify key issues and had the personal ability to address all levels of government to ensure that the views of municipalities were heard. Undoubtedly his contribution to KIMO was significant and he did a thorough job of leading the organisation through some difficult times. His passion was infectious and his charisma opened doors.

Albert de Hoop retired from his post as Mayor of Ameland last year but was unable to attend the AGM in 2018. We are delighted that he has come to the AGM in Velsen so that we can fully recognise his dedication and contribution to KIMO and we hope he will remain part of the KIMO family for many years to come.

**There will be a presentation made to Albert de Hoop in recognition of his service to KIMO and in appreciation of all that he has achieved for our organisation.**