

# Kommunenes Internasjonale Miljøorganisasjon



Local Authorities International Environmental Organisation



# KIMO



- ~ KIMO (Kommunenes Internasjonale Miljøorganisasjo – the Local Authorities International Environment Organisation) is an association of local authorities whose primary goal is the elimination of pollution from the Northern Seas.
- ~ Our objectives are:
  - (a) Exchange information on effective pollution prevention, clean up operations and sustainable development.
  - (b) Lead by example in improving regional marine environments.
  - (c) Lobby national Governments, the European Commission and others to take effective action on issues affecting Northern Seas.
  - (d) Make joint representations against proposals which threaten the quality of our marine environment
  - (e) Undertake demonstrative environmental projects.
- ~ Founded by local municipalities with a shared concern for the state of the environment

# KIMO



- ~ 70 + member authorities representing more than 6 million inhabitants:
  - United Kingdom, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, Lithuania, Germany, the Faeroe Island and the Isle Of Man.
- ~ National Networks exist in each country

# KIMO UK



## ~ Six member authorities in Scotland

- ~ Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeen City Council, Argyll and Bute Council, Comhairlie nan Eilean Siar, Orkney Isles Council, Shetland Islands Council,

## ~ Secretariat hosted by Aberdeenshire Council

- ~ National Coordinator
- ~ Admin Support

## ~ Governed by Constitution

- ~ Board consists of elected members from member authorities
- ~ Board Meets quarterly
- ~ 'Not for Profit'

# How does KIMO Work?

- ~ Lobby National and International Conventions and Organisations
- ~ Work against threatening proposals
- ~ Exchange information
- ~ Develop best practice
- ~ Lead by example
- ~ Undertake demonstrative projects



# KIMO UK Current Action Areas



- ~ Marine Litter
- ~ Nuclear Emissions & Transportation
- ~ Pollution From Oil and Gas Industry
- ~ Maritime Safety
- ~ Dumping at Sea
- ~ Hazardous Substances

We aim to make our coastline and the Northern Seas safe and free of litter and pollution



A **Growing** CONCERN

Your local government voice  
on marine pollution

## Examples of current activities:

- ~ **Member of the Scottish Marine Litter Strategy Steering Group**
  - ~ Influencing the Scottish Marine Litter Strategy and its implementation
  - ~ Actively involved in execution of actions identified in its 'Strategic Directions'
- ~ **Lobbying for retention of ETV in Scotland**
  - ~ Successful in securing retention of the last remaining ETV for a further 5 years
  - ~ Continuing to lobby to ensure appropriate ETV provision for Scotland

## Examples of current activities:

### ~ Shipments of radioactive waste

- ~ In conjunction with NFLA, lobbying to ensure that shipment of Radioactive waste does not become an environmental disaster

### ~ North Sea Decommissioning

- ~ Participating in Stakeholder sessions with North Sea Decommissioning projects prior to Decommissioning Programme submission to the Oil and Gas Authority
- ~ Shell Brent Field, CNRI Ninian Northern Platform, BG Group Armada Hub and Atlantic and Cromarty Field

### ~ Electric Hook-up of Ferries

- ~ Vessels running on Auxiliary generators overnight is a major source of pollution in ports and harbours
- ~ Lobbying to ensure that new vessels entering public service are properly equipped to connect to shore power



# Examples of current activities:

## ~ Demonstrative Projects

- ~ Fishing for Litter Scotland – Encouraging fishermen to land the marine Litter caught in their nets during normal fishing by removing barriers. Over 1000 tonnes of Marine Litter recovered since 2005 and changes in behaviour demonstrated within, and beyond, the Fishing Industry.
- ~ Pick up Three Pieces – Encouraging beach visitors to take away three pieces of marine litter at each visit (if everyone living near the coast in Scotland did it once/month, that would be 55 Million pieces/year)
- ~ Net Recycling – Pilot project has come to an end. End of life fishing nets were deposited free of charge and recycled back into plastic pellets for manufacture of new products.

# Fishing for Litter in the Highlands

Port	Collected Litter (tonnes)
Kinlochbervie	13.4
Scrabster	89.9
Ullapool	67.7
Total	171

Highland Council has the longest coastline of any Council and has been involved with FFL from the beginning. From 2014 -2017 FFL collected 337.3 tonnes of litter, 50% of this from Highland ports.

- ~ FFL has funding to run until 2020, in this period it is estimated that £58,000 will be spent on waste disposal alone in the highland region.
- ~ FFL has funding to add 3 more ports to the scheme, this includes another Highland port, Lochinver.

# Contact Details



James Birnie  
KIMO UK Coordinator  
c/o Aberdeenshire Council  
Cape House  
Banff  
AB45 1ED

Tel: 07789 790775

E-mail: [kimouk@Aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kimouk@Aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Web: <http://www.kimointernational.org/UnitedKingdom.aspx>



[www.kimointernational.org](http://www.kimointernational.org)

Thank you for listening