

Grant programme against marine litter



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Grant programme from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

Marine litter is one of the greatest environmental and political challenges worldwide. Every year, millions of tonnes of plastic waste end up in the oceans. There, the waste not only endangers marine life, but also enters the food chain and affects the whole marine environment. This endangers the habitat and livelihood of a large number of species and thereby an important source of income and food for humans.

Marine litter is a global problem that can only be solved by international cooperation. The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 of the United Nations' Agenda 2030 and several international agreements highlight the reduction of marine litter as an important contribution for the protection of the

marine ecosystems. The German government also placed this topic right at the top of its political agenda during its G7 and G20 presidencies.

Funding priorities

The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) supports the engagement of the German government with its grant programme 'Marine Debris Framework – Regional hubs around the globe' (Marine:DeFRAG). The primary goal of the grant programme is to avoid unnecessary plastic and waste directly at the source, so that plastic waste does not enter the oceans in the first place. This is achieved through both medium-

At a glance

Name of the grant programme:	„Marine Debris Framework – Regional hubs around the globe“ (Marine:DeFRAG)
Grant authority:	German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
Application/project sponsor:	Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft (ZUG) gGmbH
Duration:	1 October 2019 – 31 December 2025
Funding priorities:	Projects for technological cooperation and investment, the implementation of policies and strategies, as well as political consulting and capacity building.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Federal implementing organisations
- Non-governmental organisations
- Private enterprise
- Higher education and research institutions
- German branches of international and multilateral organisations and institutions

All applicants must be registered in Germany and must have proven expertise in project implementation in developing countries and emerging markets as well as in the areas of product development, supply chain management, the circular economy and/or waste management. Individuals are not eligible for funding, nor are governments entitled to receive direct funding.

term measures that work to reduce the volumes of plastic waste produced – which include improvements to products or to production – as well as short-term measures that establish and develop functional waste management and recycling systems. The programme focuses on countries and regions from which plastic waste is transported by rivers from the interior to the oceans in addition to coastal regions and island nations.

Applications can be submitted digitally using the 'easy-Online' electronic form submissions system. Further details of the funding purpose and funding requirements can be found on the Zukunft-Umwelt-Gesellschaft (ZUG) gGmbH website.



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