

## A rich and clean sea

The sea and its wealth is fundamental for life in the Faroe Islands.

It is important that the sea is kept clean and productive, and that it is protected against influences that could place its ecosystem at risk.

- Activities at sea and on land must not harm the marine ecosystem
- The marine resources must be kept unpolluted and healthy
- The marine ecosystem and biological diversity must be preserved and protected
- The natural and cultural inheritance of the sea and shoreline must be preserved and protected

*Did you know*  
– that you could be liable for a substantial fine if you dump waste, oil and other pollutants into the sea?

## The law

The Marine Environmental Law lays down rules to protect the nature and the environment, and to preserve the living conditions of the fauna and flora, people's livelihood and maintain the overall health of the ecosystem.

Regulations prescribe disposal of waste, oil, sewage and other substances into the sea.

All Faroese legislation on the marine environment is based on international regulation passed by the International Maritime Organisation of the UN (IMO).

Relevant legislation:

- Parliamentary Act no. 59 from 17 May 2005 on the Protection of the Marine Environment
- Executive Order no. 122 from 25 November 2005 on the Disposal of Waste from Ships and others
- Executive Order no. 123 from 25 November 2005 on the Disposal of Sewage from Ships and others
- Executive Order no. 124 from 25 November 2005 on the Disposal of Oil from Ships and others

### Relevant authorities

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| Ministry of the Interior   | <a href="http://www.imr.fo">www.imr.fo</a>   |
| Environment Agency         | <a href="http://www.us.fo">www.us.fo</a>     |
| Ministry of Fisheries      |  |
| Maritime Affairs           | <a href="http://www.fisk.fo">www.fisk.fo</a> |
| Faroese Maritime Authority | <a href="http://www.fma.fo">www.fma.fo</a>   |



**DON'T DUMP  
WASTE OVERBOARD**

– bring waste and oil ashore



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*Did you know*  
– that 92% of the fulmars around the Faroes have plastic waste in their stomachs?

## Waste dumped at sea

Waste dumped from ships causes many problems both at sea and on shore.

Ships and boats that get their propellers entangled in bits of trawl or other waste can be in great danger.

Waste dumped into the sea is harmful to:

- the fauna
- the seabed
- the fishery
- the safety of ships – and their crew

Don't use the sea as dump – instead use common sense and bring your waste ashore.

Both Faroese and international legislation prescribes how oil, sewage, chemicals and other waste from vessels should be disposed of.

Irresponsible disposal into the sea must cease.

*Did you know*  
– that many birds, seals and other marine animals die every year as a result of having eaten plastic waste?

*Did you know*  
– that all Faroese ports are required to have in place reception facilities for all types of waste?  
Contact the port or the local authorities for more information.



## Plastics and other waste

It is prohibited to dump trawls, nylons, plastic bags, snoods, oilskins and other items containing plastics and other harmful substances into the sea.

## What can you do?

Do not use the sea as a free dump!  
Handle your waste responsibly.

Make storage on board for your waste.

Take your waste to a port reception facility.

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