



## DSFMB After hours meeting

Wednesday February 25, 2015 17:00-19:00 (come before 17)

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:** <http://qub.dk/dsfmb/index.php>

**Venue:** The European Environment Agency, Kongens Nytorv 6, 1050 København K.

## MARINE LITTER: an ocean-wide issue that won't go away



Photo: T.K. Sørensen

Marine litter is both a local and global issue that is gaining increasing attention in the media, policies, industry, NGO's, the wider public and within the scientific community. Microplastics and larger marine debris seem to be present everywhere we look, from our beaches to the deep sea and in the the seafood we eat.

This evening's speakers will provide a solid introduction to the widespread problem of marine litter, its distribution and magnitude, implications for marine ecosystems and human health as well as current initiatives to reduce its impacts.

The meeting will have three presentations followed by a hopefully lively discussion:

**Jakob Strand**. Ph.D., Senior Researcher at Aarhus University: *"Marine litter - pollution with plastic debris in our aquatic environments"*

"Split" presentation: **Thomas Kirk Sørensen**. Marine biologist and consultant at DTU Aqua: *"Marine litter: focus on fish and fisheries"* + **Robin Lenz & Kristina Enders**. Students at DTU Aqua: *"Focus on Microplastics: Status of Sargasso Sea microplastics project, challenges of working with microplastics and implications for plankton."*

**Constança Belchior**. Project Manager Marine and Maritime Data and Analysis, European Environment Agency: *"Tackling marine litter in Europe: the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the potential of citizen science through Marine LitterWatch + Experiences from a trans-Atlantic expedition with focus on contaminants and plastics in our bodies and our environment."*

There will also be some time for a good discussion on the topic.

NB! In order to accommodate English speaking presenters and international EEA employees the meeting will be held in English!

**Everyone is welcome. Students can attend for free and everyone else can attend their first meeting for free.**