

**Venue: Thon Hotel Lofoten, Svolvær – Arctic Norway**

A lighthouse guides us at sea. It doesn't shine alone but is connected through an international system of lighthouses. Our hope is that Lighthouse Lofoten will function as a navigational aid, guiding us towards a clean and healthy ocean. The goal of the conference is to connect people working against marine litter around the world, and to share knowledge, ideas and experiences.

“**From Coast to Coast**” aims to present the need to strengthen cooperation on prevention and cleanup of marine litter. We want to elaborate on the possibilities and challenges with collaborations across borders.

The session “**Lost at Sea**” seeks to provide you with inspiring on-going and up-coming solutions for tackling marine litter from sea-based sources, with a focus on fisheries.

Through “**The Global Lighthouse**” session the conference will present the wave of engagement in coastal cleanups, and highlight successful cleanup collaborations and strategies. We will ask the important question: Are coastal cleanups the solution?

Join the conference to be inspired, enlightened and to participate in important discussions about the way forward.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of October** 19:30 – 22:00

**Welcome to Lofoten**

*Meet & greet with drinks and tapas*

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of October** 08:30 – 17:00

**Opening of The Lighthouse Lofoten Conference**

*Registration*

Official opening statement

About the conference, program and practical information

Setting the scene

**From Coast to Coast: Global partnership and cooperation – tasks and ambitions**

Global partnership and processes

Cooperation across borders

Panel debate

*Lunch at restaurant Paleo*

**Lost at Sea: Prevention, retrieval and waste reception of marine litter from sea-based sources**

A brief introduction to international regulations and government responsibility

What kind of litter is lost at sea and where does it end up – case study

International cooperation on lost fishing gear

Examples from a well established gear retrieval survey with almost 40 years of experience

How can visualization of fishing activity work preventative in order to avoid losing gear

Example of a well functioning reception and handling system for derelict fishing gear

Degradable solutions in fishing gears

Potential new way to acoustically detect lost gear

Panel debate

**Dinner in the authentic fishing village of Henningsvær**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of October** 08:30 – 13:30

**The Global Lighthouse: Joining forces and resources in coastal cleanups**

*Meet & greet*

The global phenomenon of coastal cleanups – Motivation and strategy

Joining forces – Methods, tools and participation

Giving marine debris a value

Coastal cleanups – the solution?

**Closing the Conference**

Final debate

Summary and closing statement

*Lunch at restaurant Paleo*

*Modifications of the programme may occur*

[Register your interest here!](#)

**TIME AND PLACE:**

17-18 October 2019  
Svolvær in Lofoten – Norway

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