

Top 10 of most commonly found items on Dutch reference beaches * and the most important sectors to deal with the items **

No.	Objects	Approach primarily through sector
1	(Plastic) nets and rope	Fishing
2	Pieces of plastic and polystyrene	All sectors
3	Plastic bags	Plastic products
4	Plastic lids and caps	Plastic products
5	(Plastic) chips- candy bags and candy sticks	Beaches
6	Balloons, including ribbons, seal and valve	Plastic products
7	Plastic drinks bottles	Plastic products
8	Wood < 50 cm	Not relevant - no action
9	Plastic packaging for food including fast food	Beaches
10	Plastic industrial packaging and sheetin	Shipping

* The reference beaches are not situated next to bathing beaches; this is why cigarette butts (for example) do not feature in the top 10, though measures are being implemented to tackle these.

** Using a top 10 list of items found on beaches ties in with the development of (specific) targets within OSPAR and with the proposal from the EC for a 30% headline reduction target (reference document).