



KOMMUNENES INTERNASJONALE MILJØORGANISASJON

LOCAL AUTHORITY INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATION

KIMO is an international association of Local Authorities and associated organizations which was formally founded in Esbjerg, Denmark, in August 1990 to work towards cleaning up pollution in the North Sea. They realized that any action taken to clean up the North Sea could only be effective if it was co-ordinated on an international basis and decided to contact some other local authorities to form a nucleus of an international group. In 1994 it changed its remit to also include the Irish Sea, North East Atlantic and the Arctic Seas.

From a modest localized start KIMO has grown in size and in terms of its aims and objectives. It has over 128 members in 10 countries including the United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, and the Republic of Ireland with associate members in Germany, the Faeroes Islands and the Isle Of Man. National Networks exist in each country and hold meetings on a regular basis.

The organisation holds Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) status at the North Sea Ministerial Conferences, the Committee of North Sea Senior Officials (CONSSO) the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic (OSPAR), the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) (as part of the WWF Delegation). It has links with the European Parliament and Commission and sends representatives to various stakeholder dialogue processes in various countries.

KIMO International campaigns on marine pollution issues that effect coastal communities. The main issues on which KIMO campaigns are:

- Nuclear Issues
- Pollution from Decommissioning of the Oil and Gas Industry
- Marine Litter
- Maritime Safety and Pollution
- Dumping at Sea
- Hazardous substances

“KIMO’s primary objectives are cleaning up of existing pollution in Northern Seas and coastal waters, preventing future pollution, working to preserve and enhance them and leaving them in a fit and healthy state for the well-being of future generations.”

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