

## 11.6 World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

**Summary of role:** *The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) provides a framework for international cooperation for the development of meteorology, climatology and operational hydrology. Its focused areas include environment, oceans and public health.*

**Summary of recommendations and work status:** *In 2018, WMO participated in the UN “beat plastic pollution” campaign.*

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### 11.6.1 Background and aim

The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) was founded in 1950. It provides a framework for international cooperation for the development of meteorology, climatology and operational hydrology. Its focus areas include the environment, oceans and public health.

### 11.6.2 Work

In June 2018, WMO contributed to World Environment Day and participated in the UN ‘beat plastic pollution’ campaign. See: <https://public.wmo.int/en/media/news/world-environment-day-beat-plastic-pollution>.

However, the 2018 new global coalition of UNEP, WHO and WMO on health, environment and climate change notably appears to prioritise air pollution as a more pressing issue over pollution from marine plastics. See: <https://public.wmo.int/en/media/news/new-coalition-health-environment-and-climate-change-launched>.