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**Subject: Your applications for access to documents – Ref GestDem  
No 2019/0033 and GestDem No 2019/0227**

Dear Ms Lorena Rojas Paz,

We refer to your e-mail dated 04/01/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 04/01/2019 under the above mentioned reference number.

There is no legal obligation for EU Member States to provide such information and it has not been provided by the Member States to the Commission, for example in the context of their reporting under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

There are however approximations of such quantities, calculated by studies carried out on behalf of the Commission. The Documents are not available in the requested language (Spanish).

- Concerning bigger pieces of plastic litter, you could consult:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/pdf/MSFD%20Measures%20to%20Combat%20Marine%20Litter.pdf>

- Concerning smaller (than 5mm) pieces of plastic litter, also called microplastics, latest information is available in:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/pdf/microplastics\\_final\\_report\\_v5\\_full.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/pdf/microplastics_final_report_v5_full.pdf)

You can find more information on EU activities related to marine litter in:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/index_en.htm)

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Yours sincerely,

*(e-signed)*  
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