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## **Noise pollution: underwater noise and noise in port**

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What is pollution? The answer might seem obvious. Typically, pollution is considered as the diffusion of toxic or harmful materials on our earth. But pollution can also refer to the propagation of dangerous or harmful sounds in the environment, both in the water and the air.

Every day noise emitted by ships disturbs marine fauna, during navigation, and humans, during port operations. Nowadays, noise pollution reduction is an important theme that is regularly discussed in maritime committees and many countries are developing new regulations to restrict noise, both underwater and in port, and rewarding low emissions ships.

In this evolving field, Classification Societies, developing new regulations, could really make the difference informing, supporting and guiding shipyard and owners in reducing noise pollution.

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