

WHAT IS MARINE LITTER?

It is solid waste elaborated by human beings that, for different reasons, ends up abandoned in marine or coastal environments.

YOU KNOW THAT...

Marine litter is a global problem

as important as Climate Change, ocean acidification and the loss of biodiversity.

10 millions tonnes of waste arrive annually

in the ocean and seas; especially plastic waste.



- More than 1 million sea birds and 100.000 marine mammals and turtles die each year on becoming entangled or ingesting marine litter.
- 80% of marine litter originates on land.
- Abandoned waste is moved by the wind and the rain even if you live inland.
- Everything you throw down the WC can end up in the sea, becoming marine litter.

20% of marine litter is the result of marine activities such as fishing and marine transport.

The main solution is to prevent it from happening and not just to clean.

The costs of beach and ocean clean-ups are borne by everybody and could be used for other necessities.

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You are part of nature; on the ground just leave your footprints and in the sea your wake.