

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.



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.



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.

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

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1.
**Think globally,
act locally**
and take personal responsibility.
Our behaviour is essential
to prevent marine litter.



2.
**Throw hygienic products
in the bins, never in the WC.**
Cotton buds, wet wipes, sanitary towels
and other similar products
can damage the sewer system
and can end up in the sea,
causing serious
environmental problems
and clogging fishing nets.



3.
**If you like fishing,
be careful with your fishing gear.**
If it is lost in the sea, marine sea life
can become trapped in nets and lines
or even ingest the hooks



4.
**Be responsible
with your consumption:**
Find out and make a decision.



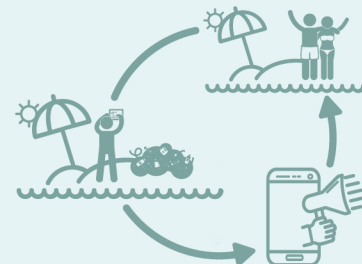
5.
Apply **the 3R rule**
in your consumption habits
-Reduce, Reuse and Recycle-
and you will be helping
to minimize marine litter,
which on many occasions
originates in your house.



6.
**Enjoy nature
in a responsible manner.**
**Don't leave your cigarette butts,
packaging or any other waste behind
on the beach, in the rivers or sea.**
Always bear in mind
where you will deposit your rubbish.



7.
Join Citizen Science
To prevent waste, it is necessary to know,
and everybody can contribute to knowledge
about marine debris in a simply way.
**Being a scientific citizen means
helping to know better about quantity,
types and areas of accumulation
of marine litter.**
Get informed through the
Spanish Marine Litter Association.
www.aebam.org



8.
You can pick up some waste
found during your walks
along the coast
or **you can join
local beach clean-ups**



9.
Educate children and young people to respect nature
and, through your example, you will **influence your friends
and partners to prevent** the abandonment of waste.



10.
**When you go sailing,
don't throw your waste in the water.**
Collect it and dispose of it
in the appropriate places in the port

