

A SAD SPLASH HONG KONG'S MARINE LITTER TRAGEDY

Litter can enter the sea in many ways, e.g. through storm drains and waterways

During festivals (e.g. the Dragon Boat Festival) and other recreational activities

Improper disposal of industrial waste or accidental product loss during transport, e.g. plastic pellets

>15,000 TONNES of marine refuse on average are collected by the Hong Kong Government per year

COASTAL WATCH



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At least **8 MILLION TONNES** of plastics enter the ocean every year = the contents of **ONE GARBAGE TRUCK** dumped into the world's oceans EVERY MINUTE



Improper disposal of household waste and construction material



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Fishing-related debris, such as abandoned fishing nets and polystyrene boxes



Toxins from microplastics can bioaccumulate along the food chain, eventually threatening human health



60-80% of marine litter is made up of plastics. Disposable, single-use items are frequently encountered in the sea



If we carry on like this, by 2050 the ocean is expected to contain **MORE PLASTICS THAN FISH** (by weight)



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Globally, **663 MARINE SPECIES** have been affected by entanglement in or ingestion of plastic debris etc



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10 WAYS TO REDUCE MARINE LITTER IN HONG KONG



SUPPORT MARINE CAMPAIGNS

Help protect our coastlines and marine environment through different channels, e.g. waste reduction campaigns, petitions...however you can!

BE CREATIVE

Convert old and abandoned materials into useful products – keep them out of landfills and the marine environment.



EDUCATE

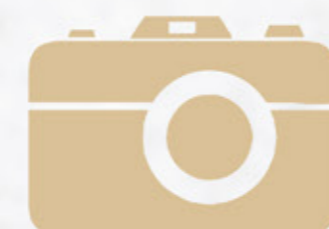
yourself on marine litter issues, including negative impacts and possible solutions. By improving your own knowledge, you can raise awareness and influence others' attitudes towards this serious global issue. Begin talking to children about this issue at an early age – you will influence their daily habits and help tackle the problem at its source.



Always remember and follow the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)



REPORT MARINE LITTER INCIDENTS



Reporting marine litter incidents and blackspots helps pinpoint locations for clean-ups and can be useful for research purposes.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
(CLEAN SHORELINES WORKING GROUP)
www.epd.gov.hk/epd/clean_shorelines/node/15.html



TRAILWATCH
(COOPERATING WITH COASTAL WATCH)
www.trailwatch.hk/?t=incidents



SUPPORT MARINE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

Harness consumer power to help make business models more green by rewarding companies that use green purchasing, reduce waste and recycle.



LEAVE NO TRACE

Dispose of all rubbish properly. After visiting our natural environment, always take your litter away with you. Help the marine environment even more by taking away litter left behind by others!

VOLUNTEERING

By taking part in clean-up events, we physically reduce the amount of litter in our coastal environments and experience the seriousness of the issue first-hand. Various groups organize clean-up events for schools and the public.



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HONG KONG CLEANUP
<http://www.hkcleanup.org>



OCEAN PARK CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, HK
<http://www.opcf.org.hk>



PLASTIC FREE SEAS
<http://www.plasticfreeseas.org>



EXPERIENCE AND APPRECIATE OUR COASTAL AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTS



Visit and spend time in Hong Kong's amazing coastal and marine environments. These ecosystems are so intricate and so vital to nature and ourselves. You will be pleasantly surprised by what you find!

GO GREEN

by using less single-use items and avoid products with excessive packaging.



TO KNOW MORE:



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