

A SAD SPLASH HONG KONG'S MARINE LITTER TRAGEDY



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

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



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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.



- ECO-EDUCATION AND RESOURCES CENTRE**
<http://www.erc.org.hk>
- ECO MARINE**
<http://ecomarinchongkong.org>
- GREEN COUNCIL**
<http://www.greencouncil.org>
- 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:

COASTAL WATCH PROJECT
[HTTP://COASTALWATCH.HK](http://COASTALWATCH.HK)

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