



Resource: 8. A Turtle's Life

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Waste Matters & Actions



Ben & Jerry to phase out all single-use plastic utensils worldwide. The first step of the new plan is to no longer offer plastic straws or spoons beginning early this year. On April 9, 2019, Scoop Shops will complete the transition to wooden spoons and paper straws will only be available by request. The ultimate goal is to find an alternative to clear plastic cups, plastic-lined cups, and plastic lids by the end of 2020.



A sea of plastic discovered in the Caribbean, off the Honduran island of Roatan in 2017. Among the waste there was an infinite number of plastic spoons, forks and plates, as well as bags, bottles and wrapping floating among seaweed. One picture, taken from below the waterline, shows the sun being blocked out by the sheer weight of the [pollution](#) dumped into the ocean.

Sources:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/plastic-rubbish-tide-caribbean-island-roatan-honduras-coast-pollution-a8017381.html>

<https://www.plasticfree242.com/intl-news/sea-of-plastic-discovered-in-the-caribbean-stretches-miles-and-is-choking-wildlife>



Gibraltar bans releasing of helium-filled balloons to protect marine wildlife. For years, 30,000 red and white balloons flooded into the blue sky above Gibraltar each September, symbols of the joy and pride of the small community jutting into the sea as it celebrated its National Day.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/26/world/europe/gibraltar-ban-balloons.html>



26-foot Pregnant Sperm Whale beached dead off the Northern coast of Sardinia after ingesting 22kg of plastic. The [World Wildlife Foundation](#) said plastic killed at least five other whales that ingested large amounts of it over the previous two years from Europe to Asia.



A 31-foot dead Sperm Whale washed ashore off the Indonesian coast in Wakatobi national park had 115 plastic cups. It also had 25 plastic bags, four plastic bottles and assorted other plastic waste inside it.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-46275742#:~:text=Items%20found%20included%20115%20drinking,has%20caused%20consternation%20among%20environmentalists.>



Shellfish eat by filtering sea water through their bodies, ingesting small particles of plastic along with their food. They accumulate massive amounts of microplastics in their tissues.

Source: <https://returntonow.net>; July 6, 2018



The EU voted to ban single-use plastic by 2021. MEPs backed a ban on plastic cutlery and plates, cotton buds, straws, drink-stirrers and balloon sticks. The proposal also calls for a reduction in single-use plastic for food and drink containers like plastic cups.



Ibiza is banning all disposable plastics. Ibiza and its fellow Balearic islands has passed a new legislation which will see the end of disposable plastics available for purchase by 2020.

Source: <https://mixmag.net>; January 25, 2018



'Nude' shopping is the next big trend. Pioneered by the New World store at Bishopdale in Christchurch. In New Zealand the days of single-use plastic shopping bags are numbered – most supermarkets no longer providing them at the check-out - while the government late last year agreed to regulations for a mandatory phase-out across all retailers from July 1.