

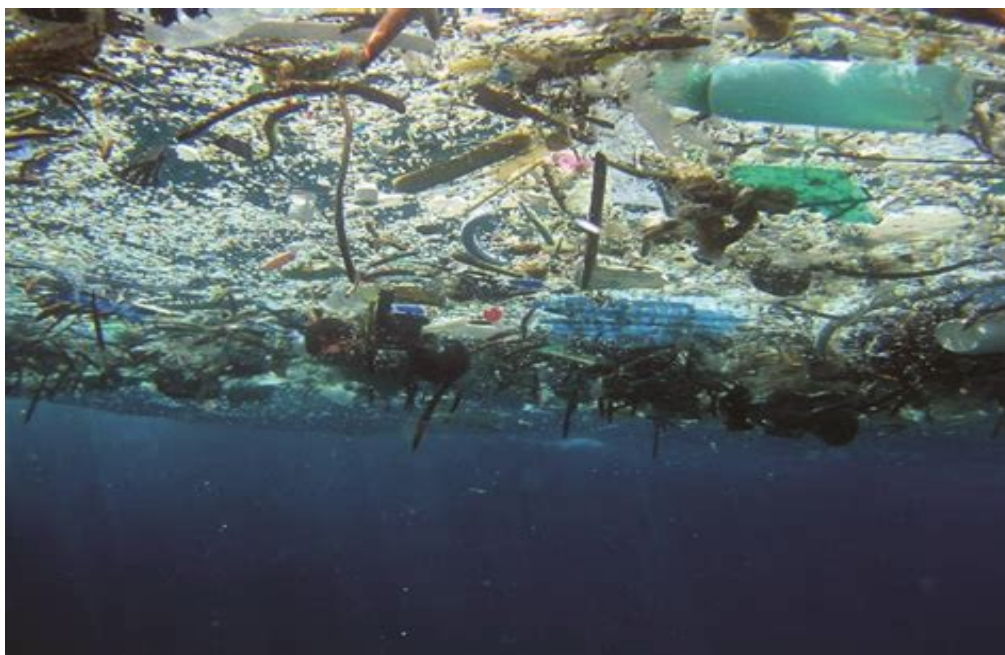


Plastic In The Oceans

Where's it all coming from?

Countries like Indonesia have some of the most appalling plastic management policies anywhere in the world. Not only unnecessarily importing huge amounts of frivolous little single use plastic items, mainly from the west on mass, but on top of that have no waste collection services to offer its citizens. And so all of that plastic waste then ends up getting dumped into the rivers and eventually out to sea.

Shipping too can hardly be overlooked as sources and who's to say that's not being dumped over the sides of vessels on an industrial scale. In the dead of night, no witnesses that early in the morning, I certainly wouldn't put it past them. That's not to say everyone's at it but just as there are filthy car drivers on land, who chuck stuff out of car windows without a second thought, you're going to get those shipping bosses who behave in much the same cavalier manner out at sea.



Much of it's so obviously and easily identifiable as discarded fishing gear and again, more often than not, deliberately dumped over the sides would be my guess. With no witnesses other than themselves who knows what's going on out there? What's needed are whistle-blowers of course followed by crippling fines that would end these practices overnight and countries like Indonesia cleaning up their acts too.



Fishing gear so easily identifiable.





<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=swimming+in+plastic+bali&qpv=swimming+in+plastic+bali&view=detail&mid=EFBCB3E8A1F7F5638253EFBCB3E8A1F7F5638253&rvsmid=67CFBBC33BB34667512F67CFBBC33BB34667512F&FORM=VDQVAP>

All of this utter filth along with micro-beads in facial scrubs and other products more recently highlight it's a right old plastic soup out there.

Not making so many different plastic types in the first place would always had been a better plan. Say four or five materials which would have made recycling relatively easy. As it is there are more like forty or fifty types and none of those can be mixed. All laminated packaging was so obviously not the way to go but it's to be found everywhere and in all sectors of industry and governments, who let's be real have known about the problem for decades, have not done a thing about it.





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouTY9vDHGWE>



A turtle thinking he's found a nice jellyfish to snack on.



Eight Million Tons of Plastic Dumped in Ocean Every Year.

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2015/02/150212-ocean-debris-plastic-garbage-patches-science/#/88586.jpg>



Exactly how you would ever stop this is difficult to imagine. Maybe an internationally recognised weighing in of supplies at one port and an estimated weighing out of trash at the other end of the journey might help. But one thing's for certain things cannot continue the way they are.

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