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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.

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).

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

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

At least 8 MILLION TONES of plastics enter the ocean every year – the contents of ONE GARBAGE TRUCK dumped in the world's oceans EVERY MINUTE.

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10 WAYS TO REDUCE MARINE LITTER IN HONG KONG

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RECYCLE

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!

REUSE

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

REPORT MARINE LITTER INCIDENTS

LEAVE NO TRACE

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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SUPPORT MARINE CAMPAIGNS

Help protect our coasts 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 landfill and the marine environment.

REFERENCE


To Know More:

Coastal Watch Project: http://coastalwatch.hk