



2024:

A Year to End Marine Litter





SALE
100% COTTON

January

2024

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PRIORITIES:

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NOTES:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 PPWR trilogues	11 Pellet loss debate in ENVI	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Plenary discussion on Galician pellet disaster	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

70% of today's clothing is synthetic, releasing microplastics into the water with every wash - accounting for 35% of all marine microplastic pollution. Eco-design standards and a life-cycle approach in clothing production reduces microplastic emissions. Improving weaving techniques and pre-washing textiles in factories would also address this problem.



February

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 World Wetlands Day	3
4	5 PPWR trilogues	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Mardi Gras	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Discarded fishing gear is a double-edged sword, entangling marine life and degrading into toxic microplastic particles long after use. Plastic pollution from fishing cannot be solved from the bottom-up only. "Polluter pays" models will encourage manufacturers to reduce plastic content in fishing gear production, and tracking systems hold culprits responsible.



March

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 PPWR trilogues European Ocean Days →	5	6	7	8 International Women's Day	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 ENVI vote on plastic pellet loss regulation	20 World Rewilding Day	21	22 World Water Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter						

Negligence and poor pellet handling lead to chronic plastic pollution on land and at sea. The manufacturing and transportation of plastic production pellets needs to be a closed-loop process. We can avoid pellet spills with quality handling and strict packaging requirements, as recommended in the European Commission's proposed pellet regulation.



April

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April 04

This month: European Parliament votes on the plastic pellets proposal in plenary.

NOTES:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 UN Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day	23 INC-4: Global plastics treaty negotiations in Ottawa	24	25	26	27
28	29 INC-4: Global plastics treaty negotiations close	30				

Our production and consumption patterns on land affect life at sea. The only viable way to keep our ocean clean and resilient is to stop plastic and chemical pollution at its source.



May

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Europe Day	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Seas At Risk AGM in Brussels	22 MARLICE Conference in Valencia	23 World Turtle Day	24	25
26	27	28	29 EU Green Week	30	31	

Up to 7% of paints and coatings - designed to slow biological growth on the hulls of ships - flake off into the ocean every year. These are toxic, intentionally added microplastics and need to be banned and replaced with safer, non-polluting alternatives.



June

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Reef Awareness Day
2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6 European Elections	7	8 World Oceans Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 World Sea Turtle Day World Refill Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Ambitious, science-based policy can finally turn the tide on marine plastic pollution. The health of our ocean – and public health – depends on it.



July

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This month:
Plastic Free July

#BreakFreeFromPlastic

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 International Plastic Bag Free Day	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 1st sitting of newly-elected Parliament	17	18	19	20
21 Belgian National Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 World Nature Conservation Day	29	30	31			

Plastic production pellets are more than a choking hazard. Up to 200,000 tonnes of pellets end up in the environment every year, carrying toxic chemicals, affecting marine life and sullyng pristine shores around the world.



August

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 International Youth Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Tyre wear alone generates over 1.3 million tonnes of microplastics in Europe each year. Recycling old tyres can be problematic. Their use in artificial reefs, sports pitches or school playgrounds releases microplastics and toxins directly into the environment.



September

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 World Beach Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 World Clean-up Day	21
22	23 MICRO 2024 conference in Lazarote	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Once pristine environments like the Arctic and the deep-sea are now littered with macro- and microplastic waste. Reduction targets can help promote packaging-free options to keep these environments clean.



October

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 World Animal Day No Disposable Cup Day	5
6	7 World Habitat Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

Excessive consumption and plastic pollution are two sides of the same coin. Circular model economies will help us tackle the pollution crisis and give us the chance to bring marine nature back.



November

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 All Saints' Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 INC-5: Global plastics treaty negotiations resume in Busan	26	27	28	29	30

By voting to ban intentionally added microplastics in beauty and personal care products, the EU has shown some ambition in tackling unnecessary pollution. As similar bans are enacted, the EU must opt for shorter transitional periods to rein in pollution swiftly.



December

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1 INC-5: Global plastics treaty negotiations close in Busan	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

A plastic pollution-free Europe is within reach. Hundreds of solutions already exist, such as reuse systems, immaterial gifts, and packaging-free goods. See 150+ inspiring best practices from around Europe at map.seas-at-risk.org.



About Seas At Risk

Seas At Risk is a Brussels-based NGO campaigning for the protection and restoration of the marine environment. Together with its 30+ members from all over Europe, it works to make sure that life in our seas and oceans is abundant, diverse, climate resilient, and not threatened by human activities.

Seas At Risk speaks for millions of people that care deeply about the health and well-being of seas and oceans.

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Working towards a clean, abundant and thriving ocean

Plastic pollution is everywhere, from the deepest marine trenches to the Arctic. Plastic remains in the marine environment for hundreds of years, breaking down into microplastics and nanoplastics. Plastics can entangle and poison marine life. They also can spread of invasive species, dangerous pathogens, and are chock-full of toxic additives.

Clean-up devices that collect waste from the ocean will not solve the plastic pollution problem, nor will recycling. The only viable solution is to tackle the plastic and microplastic challenge at its source. Seas At Risk works to phase out single-use plastics, drastically reduce the release of microplastics into the environment, hold producers accountable, promote production of sustainable alternatives, and encourage changes to consumption habits.



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