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Count Down Frontiers Media SA

This book, written by a multidisciplinary team of authors comprising scientists, artists and communicators, explores one of the most pressing issues of our time – the menace plastics pose to marine environments and organisms. It takes readers on a journey that begins on the beaches of Galicia, where the beach litter formed the starting point for an exhibition that combines art and science to alert the audience to the urgent need for action. The journey culminates with a short “plastic story”, which reveals a disturbing vision of the future significance of plastics for humans, and an example of how comics can deliver information to a younger audience. Along the way there is plenty of fascinating science, such as insights into the impacts of plastics and microplastics; the new marine ecosystem, known as the “plastisphere”; and the current status of the oceans, from the Arctic to the Mediterranean. The book also explores the historical developments; sustainable solutions, including the use of circular economy methodologies; and protective measures, like those being tried in China and the Far East. Lastly, it describes the role played by rivers as transport vectors for plastic, with special reference to the Danube, and to complete the picture, since most of the plastic is of terrestrial origin, it investigates problems related to microplastics in soils.

*The Terminology of Marine Pollution by Plastics and Microplastics* Beacon Press

Plastic Soup An Atlas of Ocean Pollution

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*A Sea of Problems* John Wiley & Sons

This student research paper presents the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a floating plastic accumulation in the middle of the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and California, as a case study for examining the threats from plastic pollution.

**Extended Producer Responsibility A Guidance Manual for Governments** Academic Press

This book offers a comprehensive review of how plastic pollution is affecting fresh and marine waters, and what the current challenges in plastic waste assessment and management in the

aquatic environment are. Plastic waste comprises particles with heterogeneous physicochemical properties such as large size-range, different shapes and polymer types with various additives determining their environmental fate and risk. This complexity raises several open research questions which are explored in this book. Examples are the plastic uptake by aquatic organisms, degradation processes as well as sources and sinks in the environment. Readers will discover real case studies of plastic pollution detection and management in different parts of the world, including Asia, America and Europe, which provide an integrated overview of the global scope of this issue. This book and the companion volume *Plastics in the Aquatic Environment - Part II: Stakeholders' Role Against Pollution* are valuable resources to students, researchers, policymakers and environmental managers interested in plastic pollution and working towards its reduction.

Plastic Pollution on Land and in the Oceans Capstone Classroom Research Paper (postgraduate) from the year 2010 in the subject Environmental Sciences, grade: A, Central European University Budapest (-), course: -, language: English, abstract: Rapid population growth and enormous urban and coastal developments have increased the anthropogenic pollution into the oceans. Human activities may responsible for the decline in biodiversity and productivity of marine ecosystems, resulting in the depletion of human marine food resources (Jenssen, 2003). Furthermore, the marine environment is an important resource for human welfare and health and fortunately in recent years awareness of its intrinsic value has increased (Derraik, 2002). One particular type of threat to marine ecosystems is the pollution from plastics. These particles are a serious treat to the marine biota and human life and entail significant economic and social costs. Further, they reduce the aesthetic and perhaps intrinsic value of the marine environment (Jenssen, 2003). The aim of this paper is to examine the threats from plastic pollution and introduce an interesting case study from the North Pacific Ocean. The paper will describe the current policies and propose market based instruments which can provide solution to the issue.

**The Rising Environmental and Human Health Impacts of Plastic Pollution** Cambridge University Press

In the tradition of *Silent Spring* and *The Sixth Extinction*, an urgent, meticulously researched, and groundbreaking book about the ways in which chemicals in the modern environment are changing—and endangering—human sexuality and fertility on the grandest scale, from renowned epidemiologist Shanna Swan. In 2017, author Shanna Swan and her team of researchers completed a major study. They found that over the past four decades, sperm levels among men in Western countries have

dropped by more than 50 percent. They came to this conclusion after examining 185 studies involving close to 45,000 healthy men. The result sent shockwaves around the globe—but the story didn't end there. It turns out our sexual development is changing in broader ways, for both men and women and even other species, and that the modern world is on pace to become an infertile one. How and why could this happen? What is hijacking our fertility and our health? *Count Down* unpacks these questions, revealing what Swan and other researchers have learned about how both lifestyle and chemical exposures are affecting our fertility, sexual development—potentially including the increase in gender fluidity—and general health as a species. Engagingly explaining the science and repercussions of these worldwide threats and providing simple and practical guidelines for effectively avoiding chemical goods (from water bottles to shaving cream) both as individuals and societies, *Count Down* is at once an urgent wake-up call, an illuminating read, and a vital tool for the protection of our future.

*The impacts of plastic pollution in the North Pacific Ocean and possible solutions* Cambridge University Press  
Fifty years have passed since the first Earth Day, on 22 April 1970. This accessible, incisive and timely collection of essays brings together a diverse set of expert voices to examine how the Earth's environment has changed over this past half century, and what lies in store for our planet over the coming fifty years. *Earth 2020: An Insider's Guide to a Rapidly Changing Planet* responds to a public increasingly concerned about the deterioration of Earth's natural systems, offering readers a wealth of perspectives on our shared ecological past, and on the future trajectory of planet Earth. Written by world-leading thinkers on the front-lines of global change research and policy, this multi-disciplinary collection maintains a dual focus: some essays investigate specific facets of the physical Earth system, while others explore the social, legal and political dimensions shaping the human environmental footprint. In doing so, the essays collectively highlight the urgent need for collaboration across diverse domains of expertise in addressing one of the most significant challenges facing us today. *Earth 2020* is essential reading for everyone seeking a deeper understanding of the past, present and future of our planet, and the role of humanity in shaping this trajectory.

**Economic Drivers, Environmental Impacts and Policy Options** OECD Publishing

The presence, at sea, of large amounts of plastic and microplastics, which are sometimes invisible and results from the fragmentation of larger debris, requires an in-depth knowledge of the nature of ocean debris, its transport mechanisms, life cycle

and effects on the environment. This volume provides new insights in the topic of plastic pollution, an actual and important problem for the marine environment.

[Reckoning with the U.S. Role in Global Ocean Plastic Waste](#) Springer

Plastic is a non-biodegradable organic polymer, which is very commonly used in materials, large amounts of discarded plastics accumulating in oceans as Garbage islands and in land as landfills or blocking streams and waterways. Leaching of waste plastics from land filling and fumes released during incineration resulting major health impacts to living things as well as polluting the air, water, and soil, burning PVC releases cancer causing dioxins and PCB. Addition to recycling waste plastics also used in production of energy or in co-processing. Oxo-degradable plastics end up in fragments which cannot be compostable and also resulting in particles that can cause bioaccumulation. This study analyses plastics, and their path way in the environment, it also figure out the hazardous effects of plastics to living things and to the environment, and ends with practically feasible solutions.

[Plastic Waste and Recycling](#) World Bank Publications

Plastics have transformed every aspect of our lives. Yet the very properties that make them attractive—they are cheap to make, light, and durable—spell disaster when trash makes its way into the environment. *Plastic Soup: An Atlas of Ocean Pollution* is a beautifully-illustrated survey of the plastics clogging our seas, their impacts on wildlife and people around the world, and inspirational initiatives designed to tackle the problem. With striking photography and graphics, *Plastic Soup* brings plastic pollution to brilliant life for readers. According to some estimates, if we continue on our current path, the oceans will contain more plastic than fish by the year 2050. Created to inform and inspire readers, *Plastic Soup* is a critical tool in the fight to reverse this trend.

[Our Plastic Problem and How to Solve It](#) Frontiers Media SA

Plastic has become a ubiquitous part of modern life. A cheap, lightweight material, it is used in everything from food packaging to consumer electronics and microbeads in cosmetic products. However, we are becoming increasingly aware of the problems our reliance on plastic is causing in the environment. For example, recent campaigns have highlighted the build-up of microbeads in the marine environment and the damage this is doing to wildlife, and the problem of marine litter, often in very remote locations. There are also concerns over exposure to plasticisers and their possible consequences for health. The plastics industry is under increasing pressure, not only from the government and environmental groups, but also from consumers, to improve the environmental impact of their products. This book presents an introduction to the uses of plastics and an overview of how they interact with the environment. It is a valuable resource for students studying environmental science as well as researchers working in the plastics industry, and policy makers and regulators concerned with waste disposal and environmental

planning and conservation.

[Plastics and the Environment](#) GRIN Verlag

This book is open access under a CC BY 4.0 license. This volume focuses on microscopic plastic debris, also referred to as microplastics, which have been detected in aquatic environments around the globe and have accordingly raised serious concerns. The book explores whether microplastics represent emerging contaminants in freshwater systems, an area that remains underrepresented to date. Given the complexity of the issue, the book covers the current state-of-research on microplastics in rivers and lakes, including analytical aspects, environmental concentrations and sources, modelling approaches, interactions with biota, and ecological implications. To provide a broader perspective, the book also discusses lessons learned from nanomaterials and the implications of plastic debris for regulation, politics, economy, and society. In a research field that is rapidly evolving, it offers a solid overview for environmental chemists, engineers, and toxicologists, as well as water managers and policy-makers.

[Politics and Policy for Threatened Seas](#) Nordic Council of Ministers

*Plastic Waste and Recycling: Environmental Impact, Societal Issues, Prevention, and Solutions* begins with an introduction to the different types of plastic materials, their uses, and the concepts of reduce, reuse and recycle before examining plastic types, chemistry and degradation patterns that are organized by non-degradable plastic, degradable and biodegradable plastics, biopolymers and bioplastics. Other sections cover current challenges relating to plastic waste, explain the sources of waste and their routes into the environment, and provide systematic coverage of plastic waste treatment methods, including mechanical processing, monomerization, blast furnace feedstocks, gasification, thermal recycling, and conversion to fuel. This is an essential guide for anyone involved in plastic waste or recycling, including researchers and advanced students across plastics engineering, polymer science, polymer chemistry, environmental science, and sustainable materials. Presents actionable solutions for reducing plastic waste, with a focus on the concepts of collection, re-use, recycling and replacement. Considers major societal and environmental issues, providing the reader with a broader understanding and supporting effective implementation. Includes detailed case studies from across the globe, offering unique insights into different solutions and approaches.

[Marine Plastic Pollution](#) Springer Nature

Plastic is an incredibly useful and versatile material that offers ease and convenience. Unfortunately it is difficult to recycle and takes a very long time to break down naturally. This book describes plastic pollution, especially as it effects the world's oceans, and offers solutions to the problem.

[The Ecological Thought](#) Impact on Earth

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the environment, human health, and ecosystems and explores biotechnological approaches to solve plastic pollution.

[The Impact of Plastic Pollution on Marine Turtles](#) Open Book Publishers

ORGANIC REACTIONS Thought-provoking discussions of the challenges posed by—and potential solutions to—plastic and microplastic pollution. In *Plastic and Microplastic in the Environment: Management and Health Risks*, a team of distinguished environmental researchers delivers an up-to-date exploration of plastic and microplastic environmental contamination, conventional and advanced plastics management techniques, and the policies adopted across the globe to combat the phenomenon of plastics contamination. Containing a balanced focus on both conventional plastics and microplastics, this book discusses the potential health issues related to plastic and microplastic infiltration in a variety of global environments and environmental media, including freshwater environments, oceanic environments, soil and sediment, and air. Insightful treatments of commercial and social issues, including the roles of corporate social responsibility initiatives and general education in the fight against plastic and microplastic pollution, are provided as well. *Plastic and Microplastic in the Environment* also includes: A thorough introduction to plastic debris in global environments, including its accumulation and disintegration. Comprehensive explorations of policies for strengthening recyclable markets around the world. Practical discussions of the prevalence of microplastics in the marine environment, air, soil, and other environmental media. In-depth examinations of wastewater treatment plants as a potential source point of microplastics, as well as conventional and advanced microplastic particle removal technologies. Perfect for academics, postgraduates and advanced undergraduates in fields related to environmental science and plastics, *Plastic and Microplastic in the Environment: Management and Health Risks* will also earn a place in the libraries of professionals working in the plastics industries and environmental policymakers.

[Plastic Pollution](#) Harvard University Press

Multidisciplinary edited volume on policy dimensions of climate change for the world's oceans, for researchers, policymakers and activists.

Springer Nature

Plastic pollution is one of the most urgent environmental problems facing our planet. This timely title shows how we can stop plastics from doing further harm. Find out what plastics are, how they are made, and why they are so widely used. Case studies reveal the negative impact of plastics, especially microbeads and single-use plastics, on the oceans and coasts, as well as in our landfills and food chains.

[Microplastics in the Marine Environment: Sources, Distribution, Biological Effects and Socio-Economic Impacts](#) Springer Nature

This guidance manual presents the potential benefits and costs associated with Extended Producer Responsibility.

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