



No More Plastic in Our Oceans

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Photo: NOAA Marine Debris Program



Photo: Connor McDonnell



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Photo: Head of the Jan Mayen base, Norway







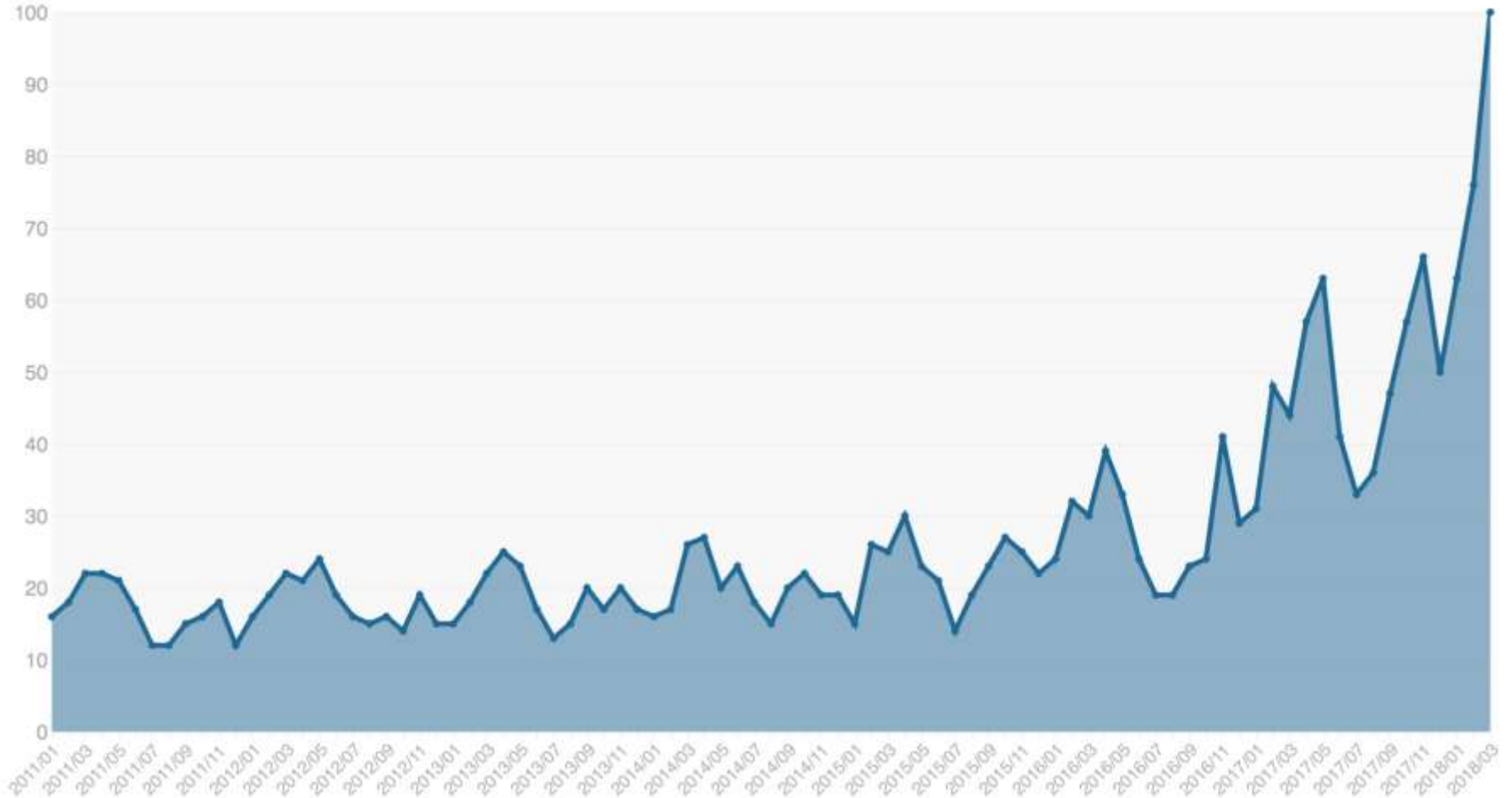
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Public interest in ocean plastics has never been higher

Google searches for 'ocean plastic'

Relative frequency of worldwide searches since 2011





Citizens, businesses & governments are taking action!

'Shocking' rise in rubbish washing up on UK beaches

Annual survey by the Marine Conservation Society records 10% rise in litter in 2017 - with much of it plastic



▲ A beach clean on Isle of Eigg, Scotland. Some 20% of the litter was packaging from single-use plastic items. Photograph: WWF News/Stevegran



We are living on a plastic planet. What does it mean for our health?

New studies reveal that tiny plastic fibres are everywhere, not just in our oceans but on land too. Now we urgently need to find out how they enter our food, air and tap water and what the effects are on all of us



▲ We appear to be drinking and probably eating microplastics all the time without knowing it. Photograph: CBW/Alamy Stock Photo

First-ever Europe-wide strategy on plastics



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Kenya brings in world's toughest plastic bag ban: four years jail or \$40,000 fine

Producing, selling and using plastic bags becomes illegal as officials say they want to target manufacturers and sellers first

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India just banned all forms of disposable plastic in its capital

National tribunal prohibits use of cutlery, bags and other plastic items amid concern over pollution of the sea and air

PG tips announces switch to plastic-free fully biodegradable teabags

Pyramid teabags made from a plant-based material will go on sale next week, with company's other teabags set to follow suit by end of 2018



▲ The new teabags will be free of polypropylene, a material used to encase many fast-flow straws. Photograph: Jeff Green/Alamy Stock Photo



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Status quo is unacceptable

- No clear obligations concerning the management of plastic waste by states;
- No clear global rules, standards or recommended practices and procedures;
- No common reporting and review mechanisms;
- No financial mechanism for supporting states in their efforts to implement such obligations.



How do we fill the legal gap?



The tip of the plastic iceberg



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