What you need to know

- Plastic pollution is a worldwide crisis, for the ocean and its life, human health, human rights, and is a growing driver of climate change.

- The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee is meeting 13-19 November in Nairobi to work out details for a global plastics treaty. We need more diverse public participation to help make the treaty as strong as possible!

- Plastic production has grown from 2 million metric tons in 1950 to over 400 million metric tons and could double in capacity by 2040.

- More than 14 million tons of plastic ends up in the ocean each year (equivalent of a dump truck every minute). Without a strong treaty, this is on track to triple by 2040.

- Less than 10% of all plastic waste has been recycled. It’s incinerated, buried in landfills, piles up on land and in the ocean and never goes away completely.

More resources

- IPEN and StopPoisonPlastic.org
- Break Free From Plastics advocacy toolkit
- Scientists Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty
- Story of Stuff / BFFP 3 minute video overview

If you have 1 minute

You can help world leaders follow through on their promises and create one of the most significant environmental agreements in history.

Your voice matters!

Sign this petition to make sure that governments take strong action now.

If you have 5 minutes

Together, we can be a force for positive change!

Amplify your voice by sharing this Action Guide with five friends and make sure that governments step up for this historic opportunity to end the plastic crisis.

Your action today can help make sure that government leaders provide the world with a strong global plastic treaty that addresses all aspects of this crisis! Your involvement will help protect our ocean and climate, our planet’s biodiversity, human health, and human rights!

One Ocean, One Climate, One Future – Together!

The Ocean Project has globally coordinated World Ocean Day since 2002 as an opportunity to unite and rally the global community on 8 June and to take personal, community, and policy action on behalf of our blue planet throughout the year.

We can stop this!