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An Ocean Free of Plastic



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It's 2018, the world is moving fast, industries are growing, increase in human population, increase in demands and supply

as well as an increase in the production and use of plastics. As it is, the world is too busy that the majority do not see the need to care for the ocean or are ignorant of the fact that some human activities are capable of exterminating the marine habitats in the ocean or they are too selfish that they see their interest as too important than the protection of the ocean. The reality is that the ocean has come to stay, it has been and will always be. Degrading or pollution of the ocean might not affect us in 5, 6 or 20minutes time, but we will surely see the adverse effects plastic pollution.

According to National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) plastic debris cover at least 88 percent of the Earth's ocean surface. Year after year this problem increases as more plastic wastes are dumped into the ocean. Many people do not know the effects of this plastics that they dump into the ocean as they see the ocean as another dumping site that takes their waste to an unknown destination, but i would like to point out that this unknown destination is our ocean. There is a need to reach out to alot of people through the government and media houses

all over the world and educate them on the effects of plastic pollution till it gets to a point where countries, States, local government, communities and elders will frown at pollution. At that point individuals and corporate bodies will be well informed and aware of the impact of plastic pollution.

The ocean is a very important element in human existence, it provides sea food like fishes, crabs and others, it also provides employment for researchers, seafarers and fishermen.

Plastics pollution among others has been discovered to be the

one of the causes of reduction in the population of fishes in our ocean. Dead sea animals wash up to shore with plastic debris in their stomachs. Due to the nature of the sea and its biological activities, plastic debris would be coated like food (example: algae) and when they mistake plastic for food, they eat it and it blocks real food from getting to the stomach leading to starvation and death. Plastic waste can lead to the extinction of some sea animals that humans are yet to discover.

A major solution to this plastic pollution is recycling. This process is not the

responsibility of world powers alone, but the world at large as it affects us all including the landlocked countries as they depend on this oceans for international trade.

The ideology of an ocean free of plastics will help to preserve the limited natural resources.

Recycling plastic water bottles helps to conserve plastic for future use. Recycling also helps to conserve space useful for other purposes. An ocean free of plastic would produce a healthier sea food for man and other sea creatures. It will prolong the life span of ocean dependent animals.

An ocean free of plastic is not for one man, it is for everyone, it is for our future and that of our children.

Thank you.