

THE NOC COMMITMENT TO REDUCE PLASTICS IN THE OCEAN

Marine plastic pollution is a big challenge facing our global oceans today. More than 8 million tonnes of plastic waste enters the ocean each year and floating plastic has been estimated at 5.25 trillion particles weighing 268,940 tonnes.

As a world leading centre in ocean science, technology and business, with a core value of Environmental Responsibility, the National Oceanography Centre is committed to:

1

Undertaking fundamental research into the fate and impacts of plastics in the ocean

2

Leading by example in ensuring that our own activities result in minimal release of plastics into the ocean

3

Supporting education and engagement with the public, government and business on actions to reduce their input of plastics into the ocean



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Environmental responsibility
We value the ocean, recognising our reliance on it, and consider our environmental impact in everything we do