

Our Commitment to Reducing Plastics in the Ocean

Marine plastic pollution is a big challenge facing our global Ocean 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