

# Our Ocean, Our Health

## Save Ocean

### **Ocean protection is crucial to fight climate change**

– this was one of the key messages from the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

Protect the oceans means cutting marine pollution, especially plastic based. Booming plastic production and mismanaged waste disposal are the main culprits according to experts. Plastic industry itself creates billions and billions of tonnes of carbon pollution every year, which is the key cause of climate change.

### **Now, climate change is impacting fish, shrinking its**

**size by 30%** because of raising temperature and loss of oxygen in the ocean. Hundreds of fish species are shrinking much more than previously thought. The body size of fish decreases by 20 to 30 % for every 1 degree Celsius increase in ocean temperature.

Waking up to the scale of marine plastic issue, it was agreed last December at the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA), that **the flow of ocean plastic must be stopped**, and it was created an international committee to identify legally binding options to fight marine litter and plastic. This good initiative has to be fast converted into concrete action to quickly improve recycling rates and reduce production of disposable plastic.

Just because

**“Every month of delay means another million tons of plastic in our oceans.”**

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