Marine Litter Global threat – Global Challenge

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What's new...

Just a reminder...

 ML is probably one of the most 'exposed' problems to the wide public; It affects, interests and irritates hundreds of millions of beach-goers, and many millions who are economically affected

- No other marine pollution component mobilizes such public participation and readiness to act
- A multi-sectoral problem
- A transboundary problem

RECENT OVERVIEW OF MARINE LITTER ISSUES IN JAPAN



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(1) Washed-up driftage from **foreign country**



Large volumes of plastic litters drift onto coasts and remote islands on the Japan Sea



Life articles



Plastic container



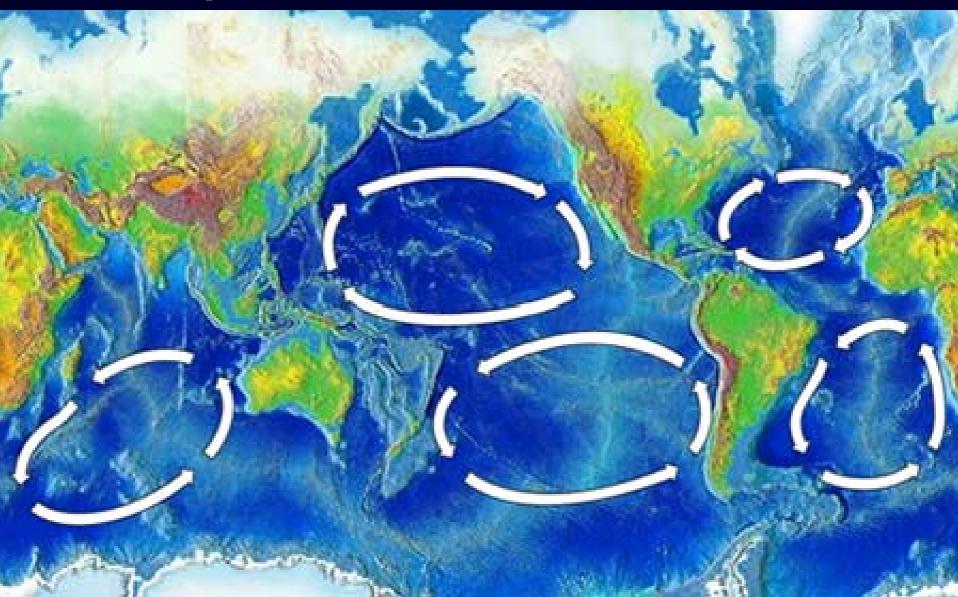
Fishing nets and ropes

Styrofoam Floats

Definition of Marine Litter / Debris

'any persistent, manufactured or processed solid material discarded, disposed of or abandoned in the marine and coastal environment'

The mid-ocean gyres – huge swirling mass of plastic



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