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Choking on plastic

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Dear friends,

By 2050, our oceans will have more plastic trash than fish.

It's shameful. Half of the plastic made is used just once and thrown out, choking our seas and all the animals in it. But in days, world governments can stem this tide when they meet to outline clean ocean commitments.

Public pressure got #2 polluter, Indonesia, to commit to a 70% reduction in plastic waste! When 1 million of us join, we'll launch a massive media and advocacy campaign to push the other top polluters to ban single-use plastics so our **oceans can breathe again.**

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No matter where we live, each breath we take connects us to our oceans. Most of our oxygen is generated by them. They regulate our climate and weather, turn water into clouds that give us rain. And oceans provide a home for 97% of all living things on earth. We can't live without our oceans.

But now, our oceans can't live without us.

Humans have destroyed ocean health and we need to fix it. The good news is, more than half the plastic trash in our oceans come from just five nations and when we move them, we can create global system change for plastic-free seas. **What's missing is the motivation and that's where we come in.** We can focus global attention on the biggest polluters ahead of the conference and push for them to make ambitious commitments when they get there.

Let's build a massive call on world governments to stop suffocating our oceans. Once we reach a million signers Avaaz will also launch targeted campaigns on the top polluters to ramp up the pressure until they act.



100 MILLION plastic water bottles are thrown away every day, choking our oceans in plastic waste. Governments will meet in days to outline clean ocean commitments. Let's launch a massive wave of pressure on all the top polluters to **stop the flood of plastics and save our oceans.**

SIGN NOW

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Our community has fought fiercely to protect magnificent rainforests and vast areas of our oceans. Now it's time to join again and help win the battle against this silent enemy that's crushing our planet's capacity to breathe.

With hope and determination,

Dalia, Lisa, Carol, Danny and the entire Avaaz team

More information:

The Oceans Are Drowning In Plastic — And No One's Paying Attention (Huffington Post)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/plastic-waste-oceans_us_58fed37be4b0c46f0781d426

The Arctic Ocean Is Clogging With Billions of Plastic (The Atlantic)

<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2017/04/the-arctic-ocean-is-filling-with-billions-of-plastic-bits/523713/>

Even your sea salt is almost certainly contaminated with plastic (Quartz)

<https://qz.com/979101/sea-salt-is-likely-to-contain-microparticles-of-plastic-according-to-a-new-study/>

Full scale of plastic in the world's oceans revealed for first time (The Guardian)

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/dec/10/full-scale-plastic-worlds-oceans-revealed-first-time-pollution>

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