

Sixth International Marine Debris Conference

SESSION SCHEDULE

March 12-16, 2018
San Diego, California, USA



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About The Conference



Innovation. Collaboration. Action.



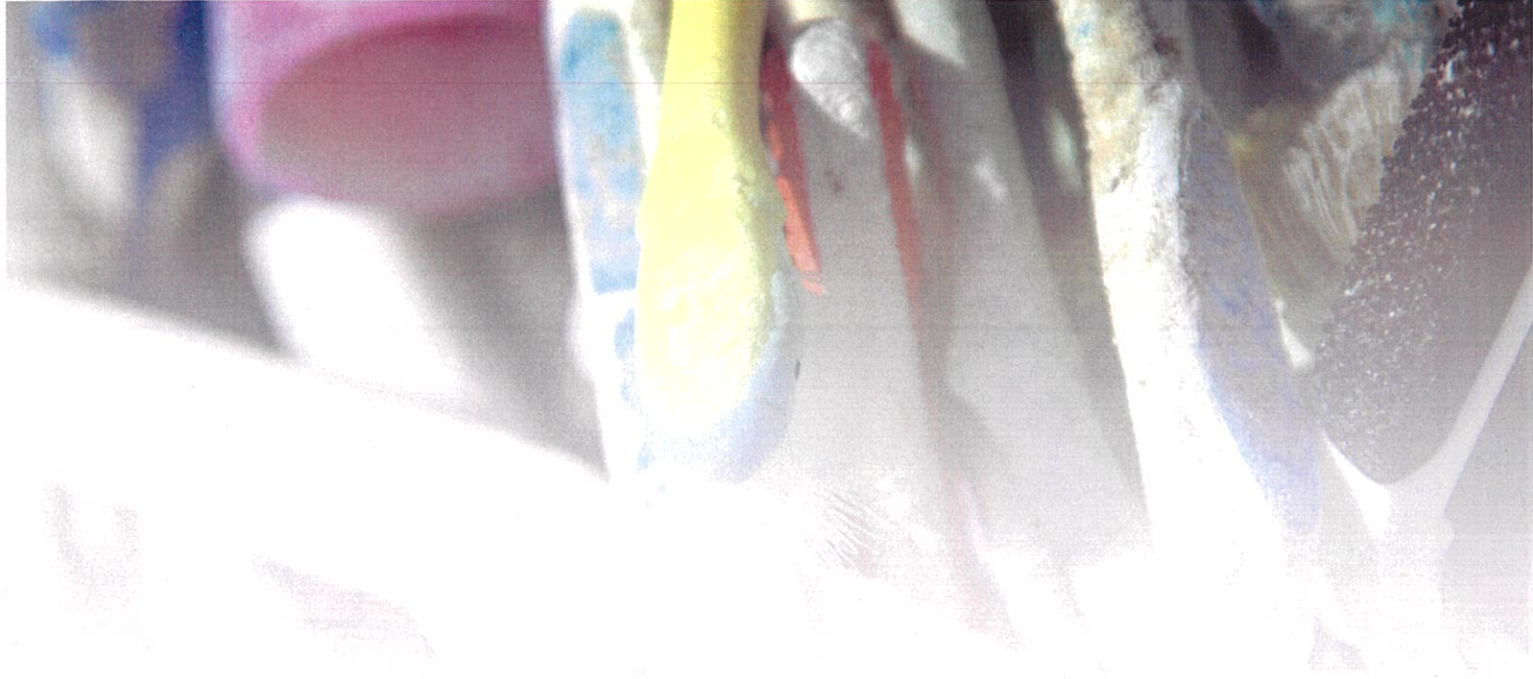
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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and United Nations Environment will be co-hosting the **Sixth International Marine Debris Conference (6IMDC)**, taking place March 12-16, 2018, in San Diego, California, USA. With a variety of tracks, themes, and session types, this conference will build new partnerships, raise public awareness and support, and inspire follow-up actions that will bring us closer to a world free from the impacts of marine debris.

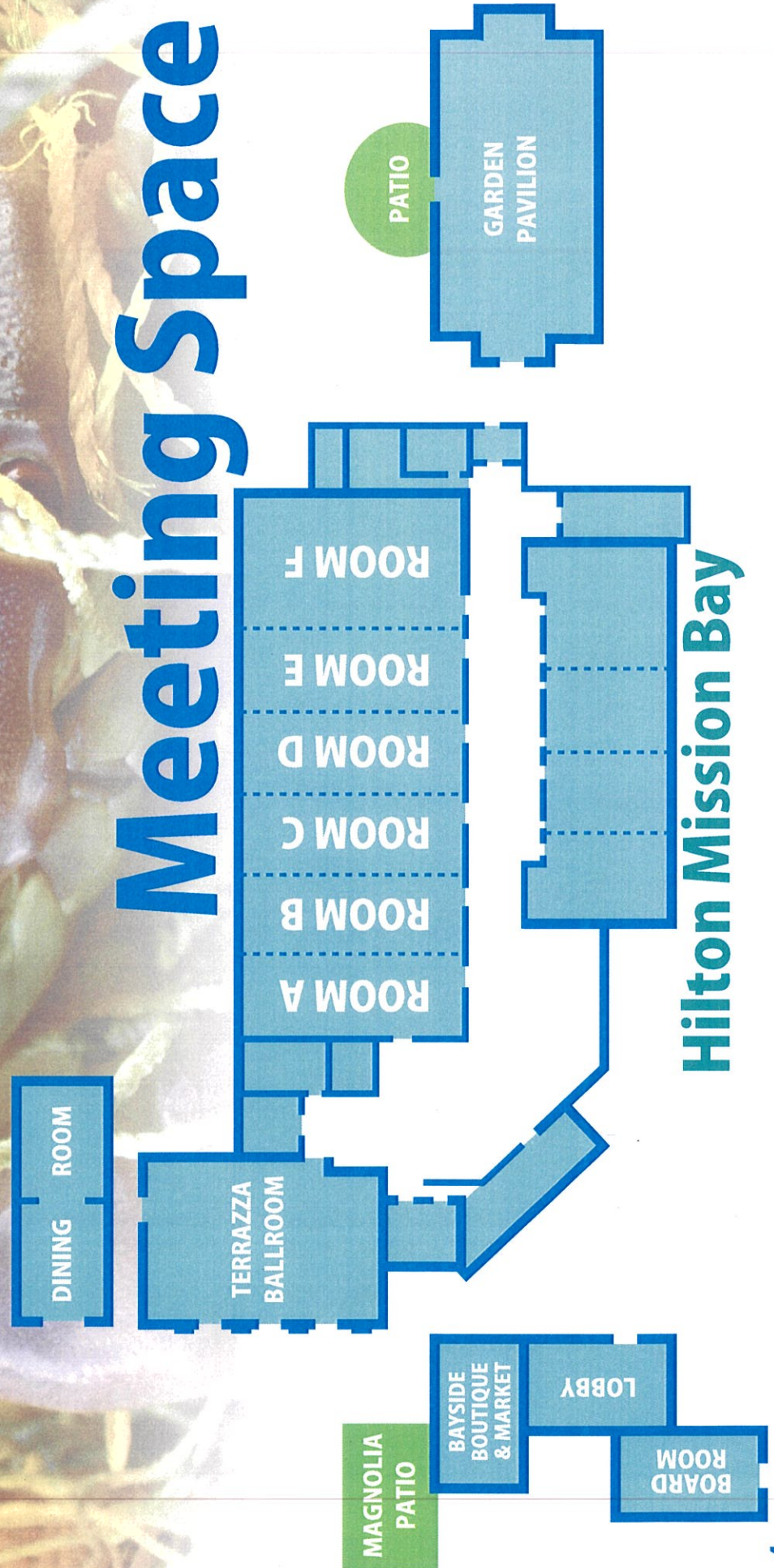
The 6IMDC will bring together more than 600 participants from around the world, including policy and decision makers, multinational agencies, coastal and ocean resource managers, waste management representatives, scientists, planners, academics, public sector groups, private industry, academia, and civil society. With attendees traveling from around the globe, the 6IMDC will facilitate connections and transcend geographic boundaries, bringing the marine debris community together.

<http://internationalmarinedebrisconference.org/>





Meeting Space



Hilton Mission Bay

Schedule At-a-Glance

Sunday, March 11, 2018

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration Opens
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Monday, March 12, 2018

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration Opens
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Coffee Break
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Welcome Ceremony & Opening Plenary
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Technical Session
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Coffee Break
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Technical Session
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Opening Night Reception

Schedule At-a-Glance

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration Opens
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Technical Session
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Technical Session
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5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Poster Night

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Plenary
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Technical Session
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Technical Session
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Field Learning Activity (to be confirmed)

Schedule At-a-Glance

Thursday, March 15, 2018

8:30 AM - 10:00 PM	Technical Session
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Technical Session
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Technical Session
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Coffee Break
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Technical Session
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Movie & Arts Night (to be confirmed)

Friday, March 16, 2018

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Technical Session
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Closing Ceremony

Full Technical Session Schedule*

10 Tracks

Monitoring & Citizen Science

Research & Microplastics/Microfibers

Prevention

Private Sector Collaboration, Technology & Innovation

Education & Communication

Implementing Effective Law, Regulations & Policy

Removal

Single-use Product Policies, Regulations & Laws

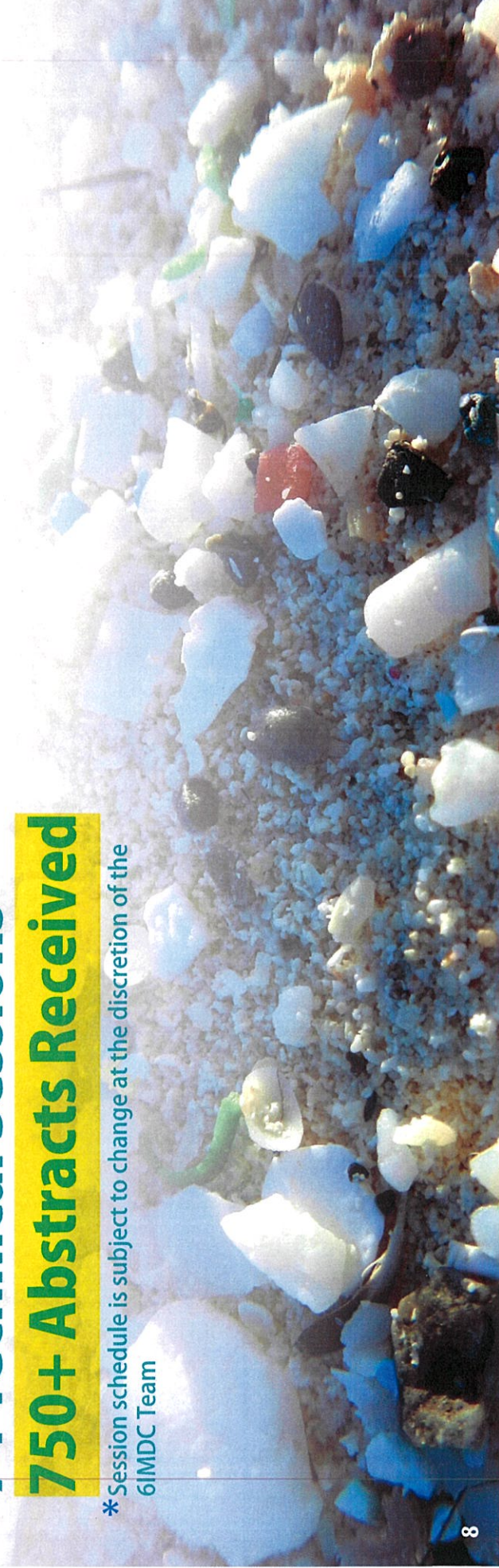
Derelict Fishing Gear

Innovative Case Studies From Around the World

74 Technical Sessions

750+ Abstracts Received

* Session schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the 6IMDC Team



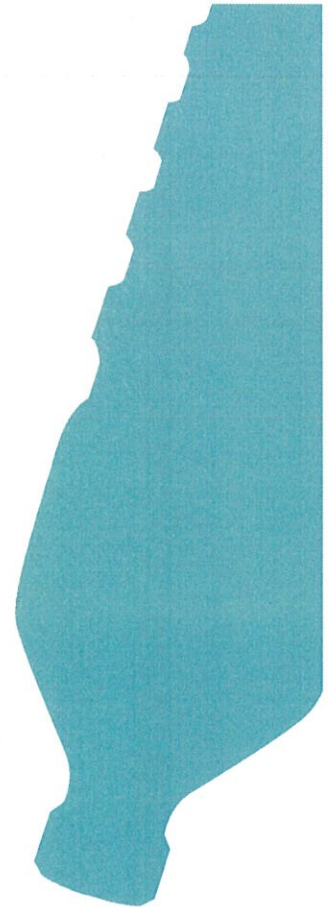
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9:00 - 9:30	Coffee Break					
9:30 - 12:00	Welcome Ceremony & Opening Plenary					
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Break					
1:30 - 3:00	<p>INNOVATION FOR A CLEAN OCEAN: R&D, UNIQUE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT ARE LEADING THE WAY INTO THE SOLUTIONS PHASE OF MARINE DEBRIS ACTION</p> <p>Session Chair: Rachael Miller, The Rozalia Project</p>	<p>CALIFORNIA DREAMING - LESSONS LEARNED FROM NEARLY TWO DECADES OF ON-LAND TRASH CONTROL PROGRAMS AND MONITORING EFFORTS</p> <p>Session Chair: Chris Sommers, EOA, Inc</p>	<p>INTRODUCING A REAL-WORLD INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO MARINE DEBRIS EDUCATION</p> <p>Session Chairs: Anika Ballent, Algalita Marine Research and Education; Katie Allen, Algalita Marine Research and Education</p>	<p>MONITORING BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE: CITIZEN SCIENCE AND MARINE DEBRIS SOLUTIONS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Hillary K Burgess, University of Washington; Sherry Lippiatt, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>APPROACHES TO ECOLOGICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT FROM MARINE DEBRIS AND MICROPLASTIC EXPOSURE</p> <p>Session Chairs: Britta Denise Hardesty, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO); Chris Wilcox, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO); Beth Polidoro, Arizona State University</p>	<p>THE CHEMISTRY OF PLASTIC MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Chelsea Rochman, University of Toronto; Sang Hee Hong, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology; Won Joon Shim, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology; Jennifer Lynch, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Hideshige Takada, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology; Hrissi Karapanagioti, University of Patras</p>
3:00 - 3:30	Coffee Break					

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3:30 - 5:00	<p>LOCAL TO GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS: OVERCOMING DEBRIS BARRIERS THROUGH COLLABORATION</p> <p>Session Chairs: Eben Schwartz, California Coastal Commission, Nickolas Mallos, Ocean Conservancy</p>	<p>MARINE DEBRIS NETWORKS: REASONS, IMPACTS, AND CHALLENGES</p> <p>Session Chairs: Nina van Toulon, Indonesian Waste Platform; Jella Kandziora, Freelancer</p>	<p>INTRODUCING A REAL-WORLD INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO MARINE DEBRIS EDUCATION</p> <p>Session Chairs: Anika Ballent, Algalita Marine Research and Education; Katie Allen, Algalita Marine Research and Education</p>	<p>MONITORING BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE: CITIZEN SCIENCE AND MARINE DEBRIS SOLUTIONS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Hillary K Burgess, University of Washington; Sherry Lippiatt, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>BIG DATA: MAKING MEANING FROM LAND AND SEA OBSERVATIONS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Marcus Eriksen, 5 Gyres Institute; Win Cowger, University of California, Riverside</p>	<p>THE CHEMISTRY OF PLASTIC MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Chelsea Rochman, University of Toronto; Sang Hee Hong, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology; Won Joon Shim, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology; Jennifer Lynch, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Hideshige Takada, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology; Hrissi Karapanagioti, University of Patras</p>
5:30 - 7:30	Opening Night Reception					



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TUESDAY

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7:30 - 8:30	Registration Opens					
8:30 - 10:00	<p>ESTIMATING THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chair: Amy Uhrin, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>CROSS-SECTORAL COLLABORATION FOR RAPID SOLUTIONS: PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING-ECONOMY CITIES</p> <p>Session Chair: Heather Troutman, EAP Consult Ltd</p>	<p>EQUIPPING THE OUTREACH TOOLBOX: EXPERTS SHARE THEIR MOST SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES, TIPS, AND TRICKS</p> <p>Session Chair: Allison Schutes, Ocean Conservancy</p>	<p>MARINE DEBRIS MONITORING PROGRAMS: APPLYING DATA TO ANSWER RESEARCH QUESTIONS, ADVISE MANAGEMENT, AND INFORM POLICY</p> <p>Session Chairs: Kate Bimrose, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary; Caitlin Wessel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>THE IMPORTANCE OF OCEANIC SUBTROPICAL GYRES AS DEBRIS ACCUMULATION ZONES AND HOW THEY AFFECT OCEAN LIFE</p> <p>Session Chairs: Captain Charles Moore, Algalita Marine Research and Education; Shelly Moore, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP)</p>	<p>EFFECTS OF MICROPLASTICS ON FISH AND INVERTEBRATES</p> <p>Session Chairs: Chelsea Rochman, University of Toronto; Matthew Cole, Plymouth Marine Laboratory</p>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break					



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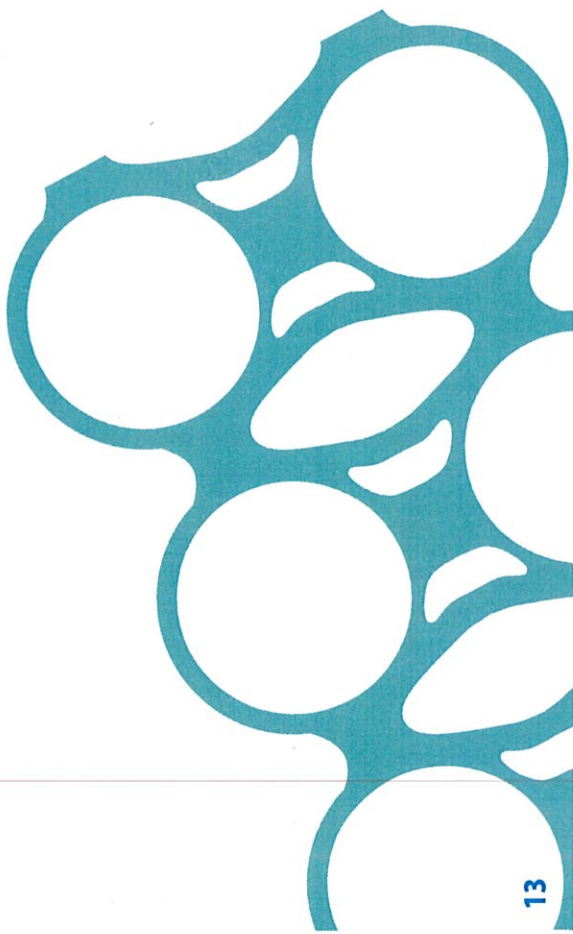
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10:30 - 12:00	<p>PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES TOWARDS THE DETECTION OF THE VERY SMALL PLASTIC DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Alexandra ter Halle, CNRS Laboratoire des IMRCP; Julien Gigault, CNRS Geoscience Rennes</p>	<p>LAND-BASED STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS MARINE DEBRIS: VIETNAM CASE STUDY</p> <p>Session Chair: Eric DesRobert, Ocean Conservancy</p> <p>CITIZEN DATA IS THE KEY TO FIGHTING "TRASH BLINDNESS"</p> <p>Session Chair: John Rizzo, Let's Do It Foundation</p>	<p>EQUIPPING THE OUTREACH TOOLBOX: EXPERTS SHARE THEIR MOST SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES, TIPS, AND TRICKS</p> <p>Session Chair: Allison Schutes, Ocean Conservancy</p>	<p>MARINE DEBRIS MONITORING PROGRAMS: APPLYING DATA TO ANSWER RESEARCH QUESTIONS, ADVISE MANAGEMENT, AND INFORM POLICY</p> <p>Session Chairs: Kate Bimrose, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary; Caitlin Wessel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>MARINE LITTER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA</p> <p>Session Chairs: Francois Galgani, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER); Tajana Hema, United Nations Environment, Barcelona Convention Secretariat</p>	<p>EFFECTS OF MICROPLASTICS ON FISH AND INVERTEBRATES</p> <p>Session Chairs: Chelsea Rochman, University of Toronto; Matthew Cole, Plymouth Marine Laboratory</p>
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch Break					
1:30 - 3:00	<p>REMOTE SENSING FOR DEBRIS - TOOLS, TECHNIQUES AND LESSONS LEARNED</p> <p>Session Chair: Peter Murphy, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>A TALE OF TWO CITIES' MARINE TRASH REMOVAL EFFORTS: BALTIMORE, MD USA AND RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL</p> <p>Session Chairs: Robert M. Summers, KCI Technologies; Thomas Sprehe, KCI Technologies</p>	<p>EFFECTIVE MARINE DEBRIS MESSAGING</p> <p>Session Chair: Krista Stegemann, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>TOWARDS A GLOBAL MONITORING PLAN FOR THE WORLD OCEANS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Francois Galgani, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER); Thomas Maes, Center for Environment, Fisheries, and Aquatic Science (CEFAS)</p>	<p>WHERE IS ALL THE PLASTIC? NEW TOOLS TO DETERMINE THE PLASTIC MARINE DEBRIS BUDGET</p> <p>Session Chairs: Tracy Mincer, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; Linda Amaral-Zettler, Utrecht University</p>	<p>MICROFIBERS: TAKING ACTION ON WHAT IS KNOWN, PRIORITIZING RESEARCH ON THE UNKNOWN</p> <p>Session Chair: Nicholas Mallos, Ocean Conservancy</p>

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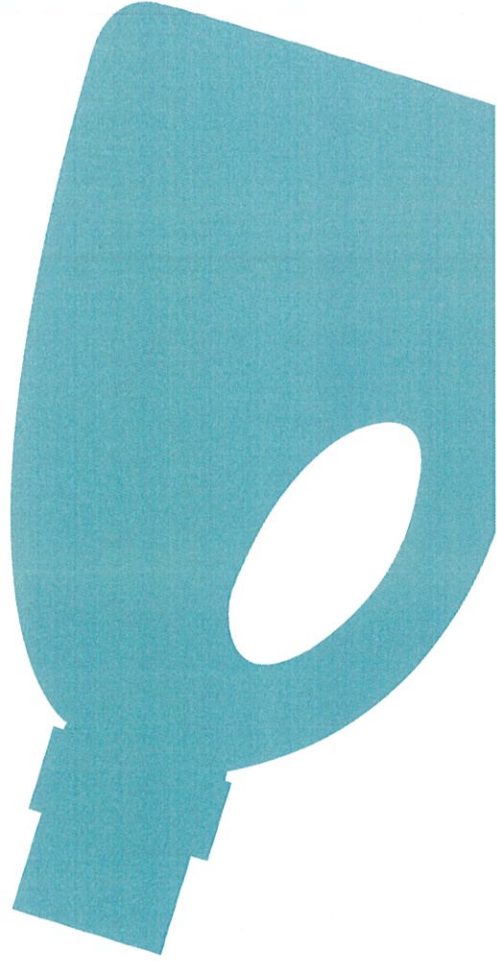
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3:00 - 3:30	Coffee Break					
3:30 - 5:00	<p>REMOTE SENSING OF MARINE DEBRIS AND ITS DRIFT</p> <p>Session Chairs: Nikolai Maximenko, University of Hawaii; Delwyn Moller, Remote Sensing Solutions; Bertrand Chapron, IFREMER; Paolo Carradi, ESTEC; Victor Martinez Vicente, PML Remote Sensing Group</p>	<p>PREVENTING AND REDUCING MARINE LITTER IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC</p> <p>Session Chairs: Stefanie Werner, German Federal Environment Agency (UBA); John Mouat, OSPAR Commission</p>	<p>THE AQUARIUM CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP (ACP) AND THE ROLE OF AQUARIUMS IN REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION</p> <p>Session Chairs: Aimee David, Monterey Bay Aquarium and Aquarium Conservation Partnership; Kim McIntyre, Aquarium Conservation Partnership</p>	<p>QUANTIFICATION OF FLOATING MARINE MACRO LITTER</p> <p>Session Chairs: Georg Hanke, European Commission Joint Research Centre; Stefano Aliani, CNR-ISMAR, Institute of Marine Science, Italy</p>	<p>MICROPLASTICS IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS -- A TOTALLY PREVENTABLE SOURCE</p> <p>Session Chairs: Hrissi K. Karapanagioti, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras; Ioannis Kalavrouziotis, Hellenic Open University</p>	<p>WHAT, WHY AND HOW: USING RESEARCH TO CHANGE LITTERING AND RECYCLING BEHAVIORS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Cecile Carson, Keep America Beautiful; P Wesley Schultz, California State University</p>
5:30 - 7:30	Poster Night					



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8:30 - 10:00	Plenary					
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break					
10:30 - 12:00	<p>OCEAN FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS: REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION ONE RESTAURANT AT A TIME</p> <p>Session Chairs: Stuart Coleman, Surfrider Foundation; Bill Hickman, Surfrider Foundation</p>	<p>BUILDING EVIDENCE AROUND GHOST GEAR: GLOBAL TRENDS AND ANALYSIS FOR SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS AT SCALE</p> <p>Session Chairs: Kelsey Richardson, University of Tasmania, Australia and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO); Elizabeth Hogan, World Animal Protection</p>	<p>PERFORMING ARTS IN EDUCATION FOR STOPPING MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Hrissi K. Karapanagioti, Department of Chemistry; University of Patras; Mare Galani, University of Patras</p>	<p>TOOLS AND CONSTRAINTS IN MONITORING INTERACTIONS BETWEEN LITTER AND MEGAFUNA</p> <p>Session Chairs: Francoise Claro, Museum national d'Histoire naturelle (MNHN); Christina Fossi, Siena University; Denise Hardesty, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO)</p>	<p>PLASTIC POLLUTION & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</p> <p>Session Chairs: Jane Patton, Plastic Pollution Coalition; Genevieve Abedon, Ecoconsultant</p>	<p>RESEARCH IN ACTION: LEVERAGING MARINE DEBRIS DATA TO INFORM REDUCTION EFFORTS AND POLICIES</p> <p>Session Chairs: Lauren Blickley, Swell Consulting; Megan Lamson, Hawaii Wildlife Fund</p>
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Break					

WEDNESDAY



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Time	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E	Room F
1:00 - 3:00	<p>BRINGING VALUE TO MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chair: Kahi Pacarro, Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii</p>	<p>INNOVATIVE ADVANCEMENTS IN LIMITING THE IMPACTS OF DERELICT FISHING GEAR</p> <p>Session Chair: Carlie Herring, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>SAVE THE ALBATROSS!</p> <p>Session Chairs: Ruth Abbe, Zero Waste USA; Richard Anthony, Save the Albatross</p> <p>PREEMPTION OF LOCAL PLASTIC POLLUTION ORDINANCES AT THE STATE LEVEL THREATENS EFFECTIVE MARINE DEBRIS REGULATION</p> <p>Session Chair: Jennie Romer, Esq, PlasticBagLaws.org</p>	<p>OPPORTUNITIES, CONSIDERATIONS, AND CHALLENGES IN DEBRIS MONITORING WITHIN COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Shelly Moore, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP); Holly Wyer, California Ocean Protection Council</p>	<p>THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: ADDRESSING VULNERABLE HUMAN POPULATIONS IMPACTED BY AND CONTRIBUTING TO MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Ken Stuart, CalRecycle; Albert George, South Carolina Aquarium</p>	<p>RISKS OF MARINE DEBRIS MEGA-PULSE EVENTS: LESSONS FROM THE 2011 GREAT JAPAN TSUNAMI</p> <p>Session Chairs: Cathryn Clarke Murray, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Alexander Bychkov, North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES)</p>
4:00 - 7:30	Field Learning Activity & Cleanup (to be confirmed)					



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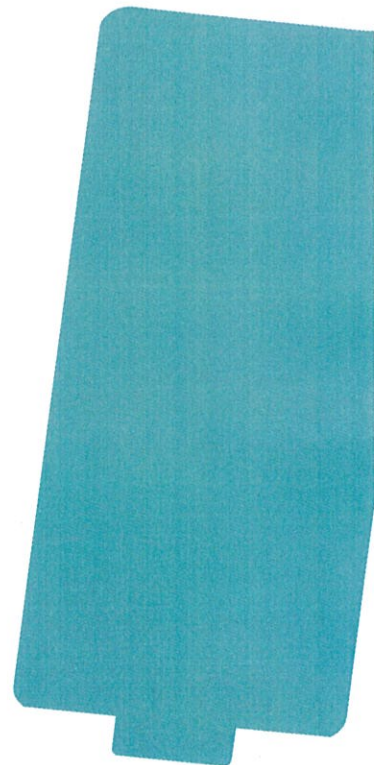
THURSDAY

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8:30 - 10:00	<p>PLASTIC WASTE: A NEW RESOURCE FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION</p> <p>Session Chair: Serge Pittet, Race for Water Foundation</p>	<p>USING ACOUSTIC DATA TO LOCATE, IDENTIFY, ASSESS, AND/OR RECOVER DERELICT FISHING GEAR IN MYRIAD HABITATS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Mark Borrelli, University of Massachusetts; Laura Ludwig, Center for Coastal Studies</p>	<p>STATE AND FEDERAL OCEAN LITTER LAWS FROM AROUND THE NATION</p> <p>Session Chair: Angela T. Howe, Surfrider Foundation</p>	<p>MARINE DEBRIS ACTION PLANS: DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND LESSONS LEARNED</p> <p>Session Chair: Sarah Lowe, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING TRASH BEFORE IT STARTS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Sydney Harris, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Samantha Sommer, Clean Water Fund</p>	<p>TRANSPORT AND FATE OF MARINE DEBRIS IN THE OCEAN AND SHELF-SEAS: THEORY, MODELING AND OBSERVATIONS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Erik van Sebille, Utrecht University; Kara Lavendar Law, Sea Education Association</p>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break					
10:30 - 12:00	<p>GLOBAL PLASTICS ALLIANCE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chair: Stewart Harris, American Chemistry Council</p>	<p>HOW CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND CROSS-SECTORAL COLLABORATIONS CAN UNLOCK SOLUTIONS FOR ELIMINATING GHOST FISHING GEAR</p> <p>Session Chairs: Christina Dixon, World Animal Protection and Global Ghost Gear Initiative; Joan Drinkwin, Natural Resource Consultants</p>	<p>A NEW ENGLAND CASE STUDY: HOW MUNICIPALITIES IN MAINE AND MASSACHUSETTS ARE BUILDING THE CASE FOR SUPPORT OF STATEWIDE SINGLE USE BAG LEGISLATION TO ACHIEVE PLASTIC POLLUTION AND SOURCE REDUCTION GOALS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Melissa Gates, Surfrider Foundation; Angela T. Howe, Surfrider Foundation</p>	<p>MARINE DEBRIS ACTION PLANS: DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND LESSONS LEARNED</p> <p>Session Chairs: Sarah Lowe, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program</p>	<p>LOSE THE LOOP: GLOBAL COLLABORATION TO REDUCE AND PREVENT PINNIPED ENTANGLEMENT IN MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Kim Raum-Suryan, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Protected Resources Division; Elizabeth Hogan, World Animal Protection</p>	<p>TRANSPORT AND FATE OF MARINE DEBRIS IN THE OCEAN AND SHELF-SEAS: THEORY, MODELING AND OBSERVATIONS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Erik van Sebille, Utrecht University; Kara Lavendar Law, Sea Education Association</p>
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1:30 - 3:00	<p>POLICIES, OTHER INITIATIVES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGAINST MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Francois Galgani, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER); Georg Hanke, European Commission Joint Research Centre; Stefano Werner, Federal Environment Agency, Germany; Matjaz Malgaj, EU Commission; Michel Sponar, EU Commission; Michail Papadoyannakis, EU Commission</p>	<p>FIGHTING THE GHOSTS IN OUR OCEANS: IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICE TO ELIMINATE ALDFG THROUGH POLICY, PRACTICE, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH</p> <p>Session Chairs: Joanna Toole, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Lynn Kavanagh, World Animal Protection; Jason Morgan, Northwest Straits Foundation</p>	<p>THE ANATOMY OF A PLASTIC BAG BAN CAMPAIGN</p> <p>Session Chairs: Sarah Abramson Sikich, Heal the Bay; Jennie Romer, Esq, PlasticBagLaws.org</p>	<p>CHALLENGES OF COMMUNITY-BASED REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL FROM THE BERING SEA TO SOUTHEAST ALASKA</p> <p>Session Chairs: Victoria O'Connell, Sitka Sound Science Center; Pamela Lestenkof, Tribal Government of St. Paul Island</p>	<p>ENGINEERING EFFECTING MARINE DEBRIS INTERCEPTION</p> <p>Session Chairs: Thomas G Sprehe, KCI Technologies, Inc; John Kellett, Clearwater Mills</p>	<p>PLASTIC DEBRIS POLLUTION IN FRESHWATER ENVIRONMENTS OF THE WORLD</p> <p>Session Chairs: Patricia Corcoran, University of Western Ontario; Sarah Lowe, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program; Lorena Rios-Mendoza, University of Wisconsin-Superior</p>
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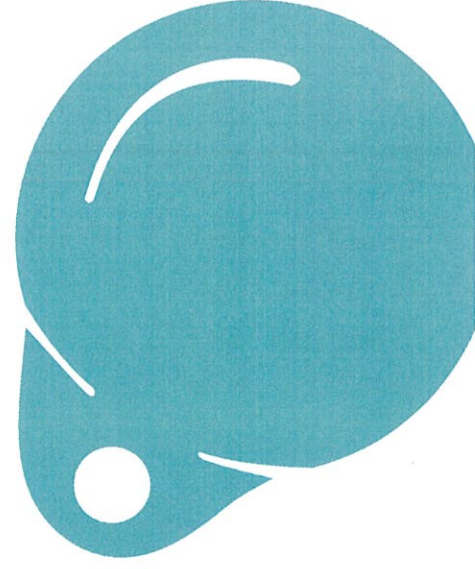
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3:30 - 5:00	<p>CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY: A BINATIONAL APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO</p> <p>Session Chairs: Angela Kemsley, WILDCOAST; Samantha Young, San Diego Zoo- Institute for Conservation Research</p>	<p>USING LOCAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE TO ASSESS, LOCATE, REMOVE, AND PREVENT ALDFG AND OTHER MARINE DEBRIS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Dan Tonnes, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; Kyle Atonelis, Natural Resource Consultants, Inc.</p>	<p>BAGS, BOTTLES, AND BEADS: THE WAY FORWARD ON PRODUCT AND CORPORATE CAMPAIGNS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Anna Cummins, Gyres Institute; Dune Ives, The Lonely Whale Foundation</p>	<p>IT'S NOT JUST RUBBER DUCKS: CONTAINER SHIP SPILL PREVENTION, REGULATION, MITIGATION, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, AND LIABILITY</p> <p>Session Chairs: Chris Pallister, Gulf of Alaska Keeper; Janna Stewart, Gulf of Alaska Keeper</p>	<p>LIFE-CYCLE CONSIDERATIONS TO ADDRESSING MARINE DEBRIS – REFLECTIONS ON MUNICIPAL WASTE.</p> <p>Session Chairs: Eric DesRobert, Ocean Conservancy; Susan Ruffo, Ocean Conservancy</p>	<p>PLASTIC DEBRIS POLLUTION IN FRESHWATER ENVIRONMENTS OF THE WORLD</p> <p>Session Chairs: Patricia Corcoran, University of Western Ontario; Sarah Lowe, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Debris Program; Lorena Rios-Mendoza, University of Wisconsin-Superior</p>
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8:30 - 10:00	<p>ADVANCING POLICY AND LEGISLATION CHANGES REGARDING MICROPLASTICS</p> <p>Session Chairs: Dr. Tony R. Walker, Dalhousie University; Dirk Xanthos, Scout Environmental</p>	<p>ACHIEVING REGULAR, SYSTEMATIC REMOVAL OF LOST FISHING GEAR THROUGH COLLABORATIVE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Session Chairs: Joan Drinkwin, Natural Resources Consultants;</p>	<p>GLOBAL SINGLE-USE CASE STUDIES</p> <p>Session Chair: Erica Nuñez, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of International Affairs</p>	<p>STATE AND LOCAL BEST PRACTICES, INSIGHTS, AND INNOVATIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY</p> <p>Session Chairs: Moriah Saldana, I Love A Clean San Diego; Eben Schwartz, California Coastal Commission</p>	<p>REDUCING MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION THROUGH INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEVERAGING THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE</p> <p>Session Chairs: Daniella Russo, Think Beyond Plastic; Anne Warner, Think Beyond Plastic</p>	<p>DEGRADATION OF PLASTIC DEBRIS IN DIFFERENT MARINE AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS</p> <p>Session Chairs: George Papatheodorou, Department of Geology, University of Patras; Hrissi Karapanagioti, University of Patras</p>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break					
10:30 - 12:00	Closing Plenary & Ceremony					



FRIDAY



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