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Plastic pollution and marine litter

[Link](#) | UNEP overview of marine litter, UNEA resolutions, and ongoing activities.

Year: 2024

Plastics 101: A quick guide to the global plastics negotiations

[Link](#) | Explains plastics' life cycle and key terms to help follow treaty discussions.

Year: 2024

Protect Our Planet from Plastic Pollution: 5 Things to Know

[Link](#) | Highlights:

1. 430M tons of plastic produced yearly; waste may triple by 2060.
2. Microplastics absorb toxins, found in human blood.
3. Beyond recycling: cut unnecessary plastics, reuse, improve systems, shift to eco-friendly.
4. A circular economy could save \$4.5T and create 700k jobs.
5. All 193 UN states negotiating a binding treaty; INC session held Aug 5–14, 2025, Geneva.
6. *Year: 2024*

Solutions from the One Planet network to curb plastic pollution

[Link](#) | Compendium of practical solutions from the One Planet network.

Turning off the Tap: How the world can end plastic pollution and create a circular economy

[Link](#) | UNEP report on economic and business models for addressing plastics.

Year: 2023

Addressing marine litter and microplastics: UN system-wide contributions

[Link](#) – First inter-agency report linking plastics to SDGs and mapping UN roles.

Year: 2022

Non-UN Resources

What Are Microplastics Doing to Our Bodies? This Lab Is Racing to Find Out

[Link](#) | UNM researchers found 50% more microplastics in 2024 brains vs. 2016 (~7g/brain). Higher levels in dementia patients; particles as small as 200 nm may cross the blood-brain barrier. Early links to preterm births.

Year: 2025

Microplastics Are Everywhere. Here's How to Avoid Eating Them

[Link](#) | Microplastics in food, water, and air are linked to health risks. Experts advise: avoid bottled water, limit plastic containers (esp. heating), don't reuse single-use plastics, use wood/bamboo boards, vacuum with HEPA filters. Special caution for infant feeding.

Year: 2025

Consuming microplastics? Investigation of commercial salts as a source of MPs in diet

[Link](#) | A study of 7 salts in Australia found all contained microplastics (avg. 85/kg; higher in Himalayan/black salts). Estimated 155–300 MPs/year ingested via salt. Calls for better production monitoring.

Year: 2025

