

## Age of plastic

Where do I start? Well, in the 21st century, it is hard to find the person who is not using plastic. It is not surprising, is it? Some statistical analysis shows that more than 6.9 billion tons have become waste and end up in the ocean. That explains our selfishness and inhumanity. We are only concern about ourselves, not other animals which give food, protecting the environment and make the earth for life. Nearly 700 species, including endangered ones, are known to have been affected by it.

Some are harmed visibly- strangled by abandoned fishing nets or discarded six-pack rings. Many more are probably harmed invisibly. Marine species of all sizes, from zooplankton to whales. Despite of all these things, most of the marine animals think that floating plastic is a food and end up in dying. We should be a shame for that. I wouldn't say to stop using plastic, but it will be better to change the way of using them, go for biodegradable. A lot of companies and people take care of ocean plastics. It is our responsible to protect other creature as much as we can. Mostly in touristic places beach that seemingly should have been pristine microplastics. They crunched like rice krispies under the feet. That explain, why some people see ocean plastic as a looming catastrophe, worth mentioning in the same breath as climate change.

Nobody wants that earth should be cruse by plastic. The only possible to avoid upcoming apocalypse is to reduce the usage of plastic right know. Nothing will change unless we do.



To ride currents, seahorses clutch drifting seagrass or other natural debris. In the polluted waters off the Indonesian island of Sumbawa, this seahorse latched onto a plastic cotton swab—"a photo I wish didn't exist," says photographer Justin Hofman.