

# **Save The Med**

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## **Information about seabirds, environment and seabed and how the trash affects each of these**

The mediterranean has a coast line of 28,600 miles

More than 730 tons of plastic waste gets dumped into the mediterranean every day

Plastic makes up 95-100% of floating plastic waste. 50% of the seabed litter is made up of plastic waste

Single use plastic is responsible for 60% of waste found on beaches around the med

The med is the most polluted ocean in the world

Endangered Mediterranean seabirds are suffering from ingestion of plastic litter, a recent study has shown. Overall, 66% of 171 seabirds studied were found to have plastic fragments in their stomachs and the critically endangered Balearic shearwater was among the worst affected.

plastic pollution has been falling since the 1980s, possibly as a result of policy measures. Recreational activities now seem to be the main source of pollution in the Mediterranean.

Fish, seabirds, sea turtles, and marine mammals can become entangled in or ingest plastic debris, causing suffocation, starvation, and drowning

Trash also plagues coral reefs and increases the chance of disease and causes physical damage to the reefs and coral tissue. The photogens are carried in streams and can infect other coral reefs and cause the spread of infection.

Coral reefs are a big part of the seas ecosystem, they protect coastlines from storms and erosion, they provide homes to a multitude of species and communities.

## **Theme**

The Main theme of the video is how trash affects both the environment, seabed and the seabirds.

## **How the video will be used**

The video will be used to raise awareness and spread the message of how bad trash currently affects the environment. It will be uploaded onto youtube where it has the largest chance of reaching more people, however that is only one of multiple places it can be uploaded. For example we can also upload it onto Tik Tok, INstagram and facebook as well.

