



PROTECT BIRDS: BE THE SOLUTION TO PLASTIC POLLUTION

Plastic pollution is a global problem

Each year, about 50 million migratory birds are flying across the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, between the North (Russia and Alaska) and South (Australia and New Zealand), twice a year. It is one of the nine flyways in the world but with the highest number of threatened waterbird species (i.e. 33 species). There are different types of threats faced by the migratory birds, and plastic pollution is increasingly recognized as a global problem to wildlife, especially to the migratory waterbirds.

How serious plastic pollution is?

300
million



300 million tonnes of plastic is produced every day

150
million



Half of them are designed to be used once

8
million



More than 8 million tonnes of plastic flows with rivers and leaks into the ocean each year

800
species



800 marine and coastal species in the world are affected

The most harmful types of plastic to wildlife



Rope and netting



Fishing materials



Intact items and packaging



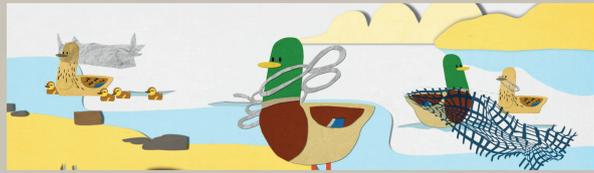
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How does plastic harm the migratory waterbirds?



Ingestion

birds sometimes mistake plastic as food, lodging in digestive tracks or causing them to starve to death as their stomachs fill up with plastic which cannot be digested.



Entanglement

fishing gear, long filaments and ring-shaped items entangle and trapping the birds, hindering their movement, which will make the birds injured or even end up drowning, or easily become prey of other animals



Use as nest materials

broken pieces of plastic that the bird use for making the nest may injure the fragile chicks.

Everybody can help! Take Actions!

- 01 The easiest way is to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle plastics.
Reduce – Limit the use of plastic materials and use eco-friendly alternatives
Reuse – Plastic are durable, you can help by reusing these plastics.
Recycle – Do not litter and give a second life to the unwanted plastics
- 02 You can also join or set up initiatives in your local area to collect plastic waste to reduce the risk to migratory birds.
- 03 Join us to take action and spread the word to your family and friends!



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