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## Keynote on Marine Plastic Debris

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## Introduction

We probably heard that our oceans have become a plastic almost filled ocean's earth. But in fact, of all the plastic that enters Earth's oceans each year, just very has been observed floating on the surface. So where is the rest of it?

This "missing" plastic has been a longstanding scientific question and some of the plastic materials which are eaten by aquatic animals. To date, the search has focused on oceanic gyres such as the Great Ocean Garbage Patch, the water column (the part of the ocean between the surface and the sea bed), the bottom of the ocean, and the stomachs of marine wildlife.