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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the issue #77 of our What Can You Do Weekly Newsletter!

Enjoy reading the latest update on SDGs and more!

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Focus of the Week

WINDBORNE MICROPLASTICS ARE EVERYWHERE

“Plastic gets around. Previously, researchers had discovered fragments of microplastics in the world's most remote locations, like the depths of the Marianas Trench and Antarctica. New research has shown that microplastics rain down on the pristine peaks of the Pyrenees mountains.

The researchers found a daily rate of plastic pollution falling from the sky in the Pyrenees was comparable to the amount raining down on Paris and Dongguan, a large industrial city in China, NPR reported.” The study is the first of its kind to show the how far microplastics can travel on the wind. Scientists had previously thought that atmospheric microplastic pollutants would rise up and settle again near the cities and industrial hubs where they originated.

Source: <https://www.ecowatch.com/microplastics-wind-health-2634780390.html>

THE GIANT GARBAGE VORTX IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN IS OVER TWICE THE SIZE OF TEXAS – HERE’S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

“The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a massive area measuring more than 1.6 million square kilometres, but it's just part of the North Pacific Gyre, an ocean region where currents collect plastic. Researchers from the Ocean Clean-up foundation conducted a survey of plastic in the area and found that the amount of plastic there seemed to be increasing exponentially and that there could be 16 times as much as previously thought.”

Source: <https://www.businessinsider.com/great-pacific-garbage-patch-view-study-plastic-2018-3>



Interesting topics

- Light pollution hurts urban bats. Read [here](#).
- *****Fact: Solar energy keeps getting more affordable. Find out more via the [link](#).*****
- Method Soap's factory runs entirely on renewable energy and houses a rooftop greenhouse that produces 1 million pounds of food a year. Learn more [here](#).
- The citizens of Paris are planting gardens in the street. Follow the link to read the [article](#).
- A secret millionaire with an MBA and a \$1 million home in Brooklyn spends her days collecting cans for \$20 at a time. Read more [here](#).
- *****The beauty industry generates a lot of plastic waste. Can it change? ***** Find out more [here](#).
- *****Davis Attenborough gives Start warning in New BBC Climate Change Special. ***** Read [here](#).
- Clean Energy's Progress, in one simple, uplifting graphic. Learn [more](#).
- Guinness to ditch plastic packing. Read full version of the article via the [link](#).
- A zero-emissions UK is a huge task. But the benefits will also be huge. Read more [here](#).
- Dutch engineers build world's biggest seen-seeking solar farm. Discover more via the [link](#).
- All it took to clean up this beach was a fish sculpture named Goby. Check [here](#) for more information.
- A boat made from plastic is one solution to a global problem. Discover [more](#).
- How to be more eco-friendly in everyday life. Follow the [link](#) to read full version of the article.
- Is natural gas a fossil fuel? Read [here](#).
- What does climate change sound like as music? Find out more via the [link](#).
- Britain breaks coal-free power record over Easter weekend. Read [here](#).
- This island is going trash free – by recycling all of its waste. Find out more [here](#).
- *****Greenland is melting 6 times faster than in the 1980s. ***** Learn [more](#).
- Making home solar happen: financing and installation. Read [here](#).
- Deforestation: tropical tree losses persist at high levels. Find out more via the [link](#).
- How one man singlehandedly repopulated a rare butterfly species in his backyard. Find our [more](#).
- *****5 tips for a more Earth-conscious wardrobe. ***** Learn more [here](#).
- Coffee waste "could replace palm oil". Read via the [link](#).

Quote of the Week:

“Well I think on a simple ecological level that the diversity of this planet is important for our survival, that all of our different cultures, people are important to the health of the whole the same way that a species of animal should be saved and at a simple ecology level.”

Richard Gere



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