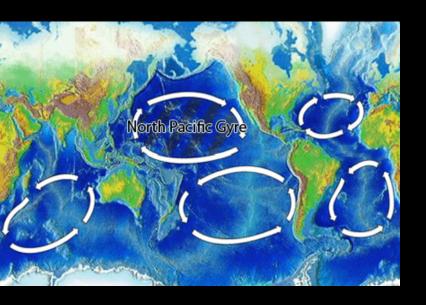
Marine litter, cigarette butts and bottle bills Be part of the solution!

Where is the Marine Litter?





Far away on the "Plastic Islands" of the Pacific?

Marine Litter is at our door in Portugal

First plastic tide reaches Baleal in 2014 (Peniche, Portugal)

https://youtu.be/bJ0plbA4jS0?list=PL7-uDWndCrxaqaRr9tDS4_zwnKRjA_0ux

In the winter, most of the beautiful Portuguese beaches look like this

This scenery is usual at our wild beaches (Ferrel, Peniche, Portugal)

https://youtu.be/-iQKs4Q7r0o

How does Marine Litter affects us?

Ecosystem

- Traps and kills birds
- Contaminates fish
- Habitat destruction (ex. dune vegetation)

Society and Economy

- Fishing: ship damaging, less fish
- Tourism: who loves to promenade along the garbage?
- Taxes: beach cleaning paid by municipalities
- Public health: accidents with trash (broken glass, needles)

What is Marine Litter



Origins of Marine Litter



Cigarette butts: an underestimated environmental issue



DID YOU KNOW



Cigarette butts are the most frequent waste on beaches worldwide.

Today cigarette butts are not biodegradable!



Birds and fish mistake cigarette butts with food and die.



Children do not understand why they should not play or put cigarette butts in the mouth



1 cigarette butt can contaminate up to 2L of water with about 4700 toxic substances



7000 cigarette butts per minute are thrown to the ground in Portugal.

These are washed away by rainwater and go to the Sea



For a better environment, Let's spread this message!







A huge sociological and psychological problem in Portugal







Easy to solve: wanna bet?

- Reduce at least by 50% the amount of cigarette butts on the surroundings of this container.
- Spending at most 0.05 €



Add a stickers with a visible awareness message

Did you know that cigarette butts

are also garbage?

It works!

A business opportunity?

- Pre-built garbage containers with awareness messages
- Low production and investment costs
 - Existing containers with cheap stickers
- Easy to demonstrate effectiveness
 - Annoying problem that frustrates people
 - Try and buy
- Immediate perception of return of investment by clients
 - Reduces visible garbage
 - Reduces cleaning costs



My voluntary project to fight Marine Litter (and other problems)



To finish bottle littering everywhere

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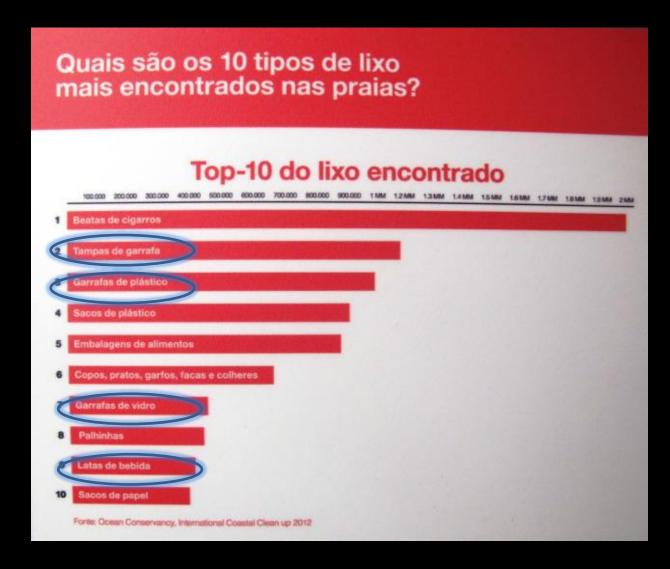
I participate on beach clean-ups







Beverage containers are the origin of 4 prevalent types of Marine Litter



And this is not just "theory"



https://www.facebook.com/TaraRecuperavel/videos/vb.2375805 39681953/833995373373797/?type=2&theater But used bottles are not just Marine Litter.
They litter every place in Portugal

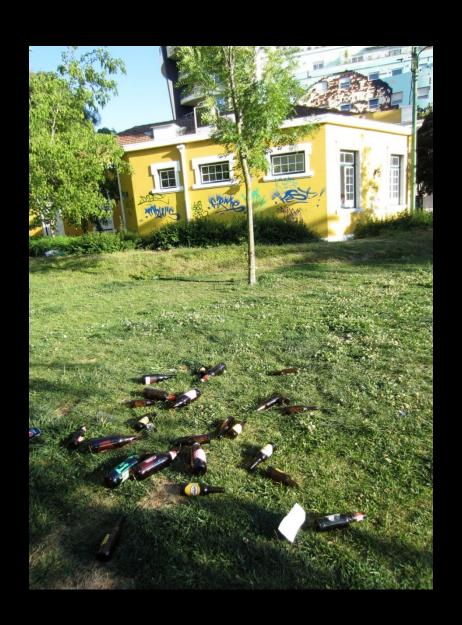
Sidewalks



Monuments



Gardens



Children playgrounds



Roadways



Forests



Rivers



How to solve this problem?

If bottles and cans would worth money they would **not** be thrown away.

Nobody throws money at the floor.

Bottle Bill policy:

It is mandatory that every bottle (even plastic ones) has a deposit bill.

Those who pollute lose money

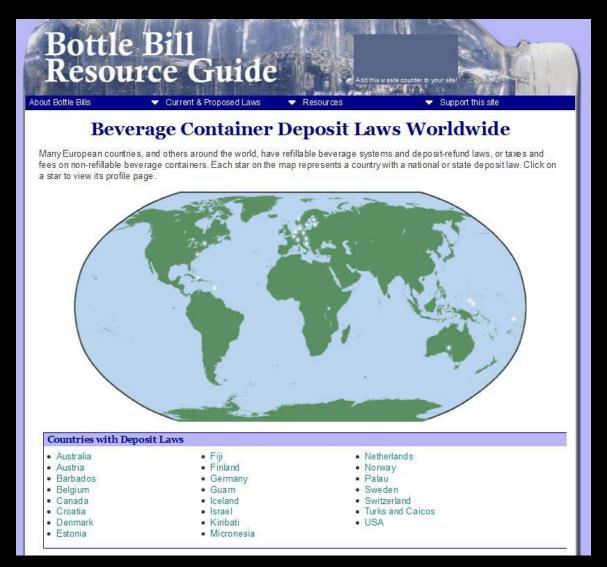


Those who clean are rewarded



Eduard Lüning fought poverty by catching bottles in Germany. feines-buch.com

It works in 23 countries



"It pays to recycle"

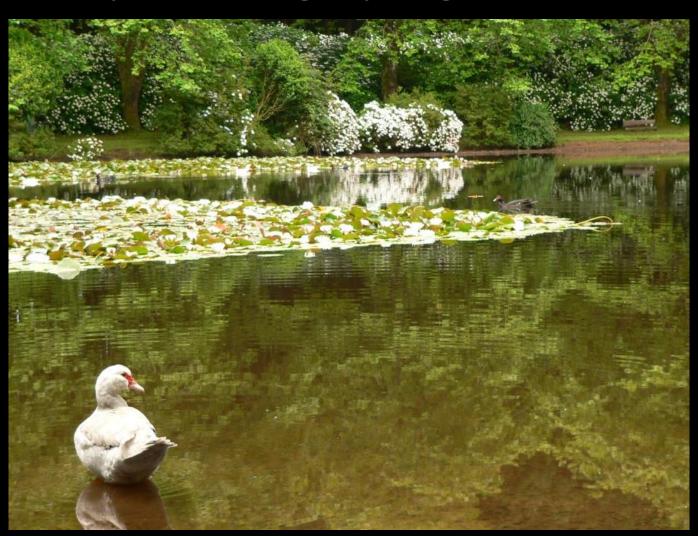


More advantages of bottle bills

Cleaner environment



Protects animals from plastic poisoning by ingestion



Reduces oil imports

EVERY SINGLE PLASTIC WATER
BOTTLE REQUIRES 25% OF THE
VOLUME IT CONTAINS OF PETROLEUM
TO MAKE:



thefreedomfilm.com

Makes products cheaper to the consumer that recycles (don't have to pay for the bottle)



Makes material separation more effective for recycling



<u>tonhoc7.blogspot.pt</u>

Join us to implement bottle bills in Portugal



Wrap-up

- Beach clean-ups to become aware of the Marine Litter problem
- Awareness messages reduce cigarette butt pollution
- Bottle bills reduce plastic pollution
- The previous 2 measures will mitigate the 5 major sources of Marine Litter