

Nordic countries call for global treaty on ocean plastic pollution

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The announcement comes after world leaders failed to agree meaningful policy decisions on the issue at the United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi last month.

"This milestone declaration by Nordic governments should serve as inspiration for others. Plastic pollution in our oceans is a crisis that requires concerted action from world governments—a [global treaty](#) is the only viable way to address the eight million tonnes of plastic being dumped into the oceans every year," said Marco Lambertini, Director General of WWF-International.

"We are urging all countries supportive of the treaty to come together and accelerate their work towards an agreement on marine [plastic](#) pollution."



Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) with a plastic bag, Moore Reef, Great Barrier Reef, Australia. The bag was removed by the photographer before the turtle had a chance to eat it. Credit: roy Mayne / WWF

WWF is calling for a binding treaty that would establish national targets and transparent reporting mechanisms that extend to companies. Additionally, any treaty should provide for financial and technical support for low income countries to scale up their waste management capacity.

Almost 400,000 people have joined WWF's global petition calling for a legally binding deal on marine plastics [pollution](#).

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