

Our Non Plastic Revolution

-Protecting the Ocean Animals-
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Introduction

Video:

[See how it feels like to be an ocean animal stuck in a plastic bag]

Over *one million* marine creatures, and other birds and animals die each year from plastic trash. There are *5.25 trillion* pieces of plastic debris in the ocean.

Target + Stakeholders:

Ocean animals
Local community
Government

Place and Occasion:

Kamakura and Yuigahama Beach

Test Interview at Waseda University:

We interviewed 8 people in total, 7 Japanese people and 1 foreign student.

Question or Methods

1. Do you know how much plastic garbage is being thrown out to the ocean every year?
2. How much sea creatures die from plastic garbage every year?
3. Which do you think is better to protect these marine creatures?
4. What do you do to protect marine animals?
5. What would you like to do in the future?

Results

1. 23 people for 8,000,000 ton/year
2 for 8,000 ton/year
2. 1 for 100,00
24 for 1,000,000
3. 13 for eco bags
12 for biodegradable bags
4. Use water bottles instead of using plastic bottles.
Refuse getting plastic bags in supermarkets.
Drink all of the ramen soup.
5. Encourage government to invest in biodegradable research.
Restrict the use of plastic bags legally.
Know the importance of every individual life.

Conclusions

Looking at the survey results, it can be said that most people are conscious but are not completely familiar with the problem of plastic garbage affecting ocean animals. In the first two questions, I could see that people were driven to chose the bigger number. The response for the two open-ended questions show that people wish for a legal action to protect the ocean animals in the future.

Suggestion

With that being said, my suggestion for protecting ocean animal is to stop the production of plastic bags all together. There is no guarantee that trash thrown into a trash can are not thrown into the ocean. Therefore, the easiest and the effective way to prevent harm on ocean animal is to decrease the amount of plastic garbage in general. Following such endeavor, education on ocean pollution must be held. People's understanding of the issue will promote an easier shift to protect the ocean animals.