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About the IPCC

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change.

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Why?

Resistance to change

- Change is not perceived as necessary
- Change is not cost-effective
- Change would cause personal losses
- Change is inconsistent with values
- Leaders of change are not trusted
- Reasons for change are not understood
- The information is not wanted
- Decisions are unpopular
- Trust in faith – “we will see”
- Not a problem – fake news
- Other priorities more urgent
- Against our business model
- Lack of altruism and solidarity
- Fear – “safe” to do business as usual
- Denial
- Lack strategies
- Science does not reach out – a communication problem
- Lack of knowledge, education
- Structural barriers
- Does not affect me personally
- It is not my problem

It is about **change**,
regardless if we want it or not.

Manuela Pardo del Val and
Clara Martínez Fuentes
*Resistance to change:
a literature review and
empirical study*

Management Decision
41/2 [2003] 148-155

Swedish news today:
Women are more open to
change for sustainability
than men

Table II

Results of the sources of resistance, ordered by means

Sources of resistance or inertia to change	Mean
Deep-rooted values	2.70
Capabilities gap	2.42
Departmental politics	2.42
Low motivation due to cannibalization costs and cross subsidy comforts	2.31
Incommensurable beliefs	2.31
Different interests among employees and management	2.27
Communication barriers	2.23
Organizational silence	2.20
Low motivation due to direct costs of change	2.15
Myopia, denial, perpetuation of ideas, implicit assumptions	2.11
Lack of a creative response due to fast and complex environmental changes	2.05
Lack of a creative response due to inadequate strategic vision	2.04
Change values opposite to organizational values	2.04
Forgetfulness of the social dimension of changes due to obsession of promoter	2.01
Lack of a creative response due to resignation	1.96
Leadership inaction, embedded routines, collective action problems	1.94
Cynicism	1.84
Forgetfulness of the social dimension of changes due to forgetting supervisors	1.67
Low motivation due to past failures	1.65

A survey held in 2018 by the market research firm, Mintel, said that 71% of women try to live more ethically, compared to 59% of men. For good measure, 65% also encourage friends and family to adopt a more environmentally friendly lifestyle, while only 59% of men do. The result of this survey is what the market research firm Mintel has termed an **Eco Gender Gap**.

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FEATURE STORY

Climate change impacts people who are not born yet

April 21, 2015



Working in extreme heat puts strain on foetus

🕒 8 December 2022

By Naomi Grimley
BBC Global Health Correspondent

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How climate change threatens pregnant women and their fetuses

BY CARA KORTE

UPDATED ON: NOVEMBER 9, 2021 / 8:26 PM / CBS NEWS



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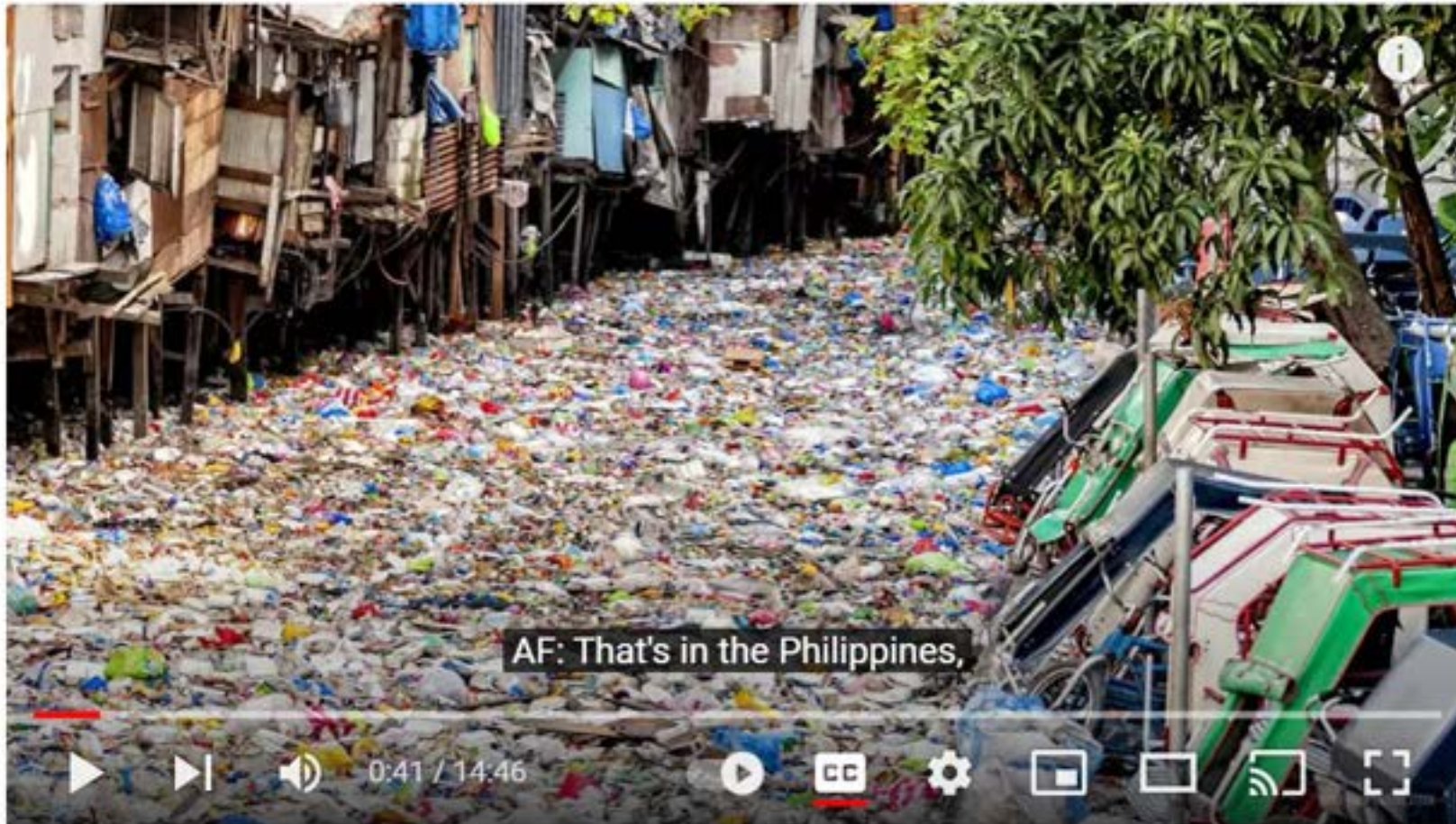
By Jocelyn Timperley
16th February 2023, BBC

Do people yet to be born have climate change rights?



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





A radical plan to end plastic waste | Andrew Forrest



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lifebutgreener

We consume up to a credit card's worth of plastic *every* week

Analysis by [Chris Cillizza](#), CNN Editor-at-large

Updated 12:37 PM EDT, Wed November 2, 2022



“1) Plastic is man-made and there’s **nothing in our natural environment that breaks it down.**
 2) **Single-use** plastic is hugely popular. More than a third of all plastic goes into packaging, single use.
only about **9%** of plastic gets **recycled,**”

“What we do know is the leakage of plastic pollution into nature and ultimately into the air we **breathe**, the food we **eat** and the water we **drink** is inescapable. This is alarming, and so far it’s been met with an inadequate global response by governments worldwide. This needs to be addressed immediately.” (WWF)

Article BBC Future:

How microplastics are infiltrating the food you eat

By Isabelle Gerretsen 4th January 2023

Plastic pollution is one of the defining legacies of our modern way of life, but it is now so widespread it is even finding its way into fruit and vegetables as they grow.

“Microplastics have infiltrated **every part of the planet**...in Antarctic sea ice, within the guts of **marine animals** ... in **drinking water** around the world...on **beaches** of remote, uninhabited islands ... in sea water samples across the planet. One study estimated that there are **around 24.4 trillion fragments of microplastics** in the upper regions of the world's oceans. “

“**...sewage sludge**...byproduct left behind after municipal wastewater is cleaned. As it is expensive to dispose of and rich in nutrients, sludge is commonly used as organic **fertiliser** in the US and Europe.”

“...microplastics can stunt the growth of earthworms”

“microplastics in fruit and vegetables”

“most of the plastics accumulated in the plant roots...root vegetables such as carrots, radishes and turnips”

Ghost fishing: abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear – continue to kill marine life

“Just how much trash is in the ocean? The amount is shocking. More than 12 million tons of plastic end up in our seas every year. Plastic pollution plagues every corner of the ocean and despite growing awareness, the problem is only getting worse.

Fishing gear accounts for roughly 10% of that debris: between 500,000 to 1 million tons of fishing gear are discarded or lost in the ocean every year. Discarded nets, lines, and ropes now make up about 46% of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

This marine plastic has a name: ghost fishing gear.”
WWF - Ghost fishing gear

Plastic fishing gear
stay for 500 years...



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PBS is an American public broadcast service. [Wikipedia](#)3 new documentaries on plastic | **WHY PLASTIC?** (2022)<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBh2Men9rsg>

Film: Why Plastic: Coca-Cola/American Plastic

THE WHY



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GREEN NEWS

Coca-Cola revealed as world's worst plastic polluter for fifth year in a row

The result comes from Break Free From Plastic's 2022 annual audit, which also saw Mondelez International, Unilever, Nestle, and PepsiCo in the top five.

What are governments around the world doing about plastic waste?

The five top polluters have been found out through an audit which saw **200,000 citizen scientists in 87 countries analysing trash they gathered on beaches and elsewhere.**

Coca-Cola's 'trashiversary' sees them not only land at **the top spot for five years in a row**, they also **doubled their trash footprint in the same time period.**"



PLASTIC WASTE MAKERS INDEX

More plastic. More waste. More pollution.

KEY FINDINGS

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More plastic, more waste
and more pollution.

“They’re shocking findings, ... We need a fundamentally different approach, that turns the tap off on new plastic production... “ DR ANDREW FORREST AO,
CHAIRMAN, MINDEROO FOUNDATION



<https://www.minderoo.org/plastic-waste-makers-index/#key-findings>

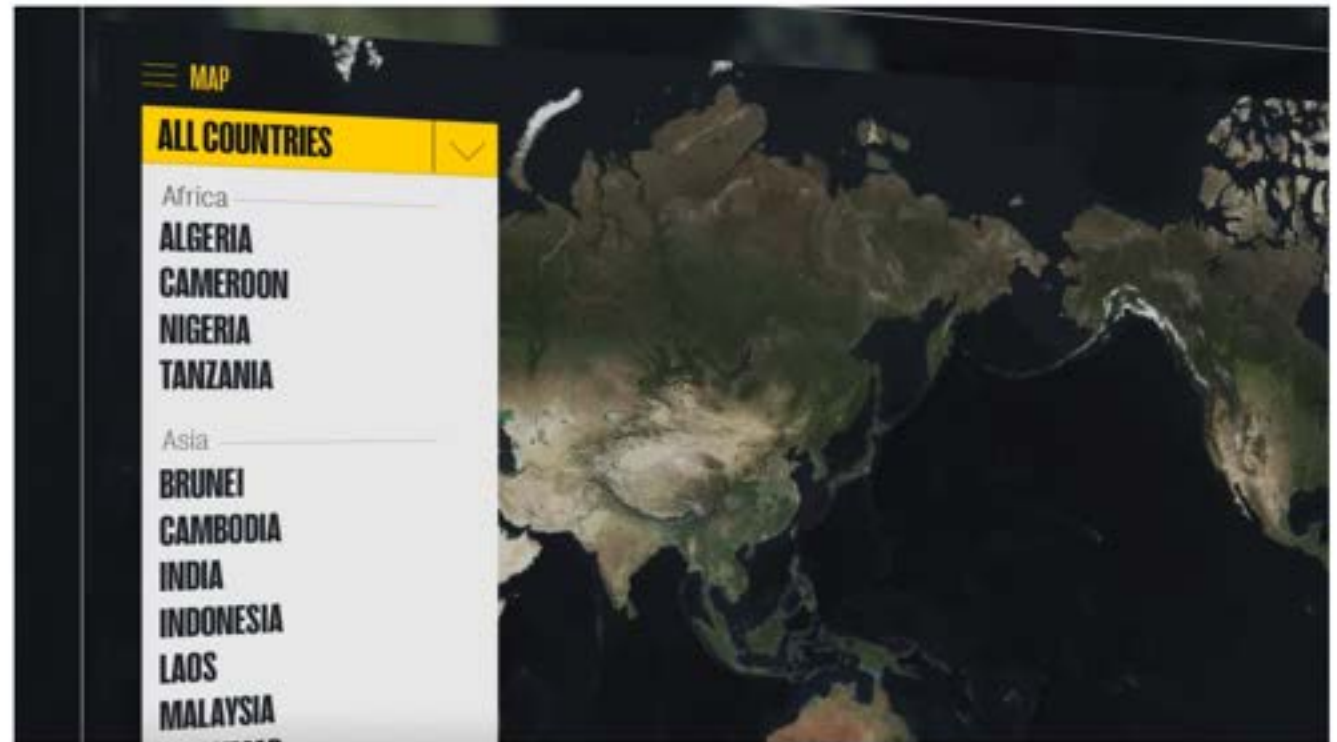


EXPLORE THE DATA

The data gathered provides a historical first and authoritative insight into one of the world's most intractable environmental challenges – a deluge of plastic pollution which is threatening the oceans, harming communities, marine life, animal and human health.

By using it, governments, industry, researchers and communities can evaluate and monitor the risk of land-based plastic waste sites, as well as prioritise investments in solutions.

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