



FIPASS HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE
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**Plastic Pollution around
FIPASS**

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Unfortunately we continue to see plastics in the Harbour around FIPASS, not all but the majority of these plastics are finding their way into the Harbour during Transshipping operations. Therefore this notice is to highlight the issue and ask all involved with operations on FIPASS to manage their waste in such a way that it does not migrate into the Harbour. Below are some current references to plastic pollution for your information.

It is estimated that around 80% of the world's plastic pollution comes from land-based use, and around 20% from marine-going vessels (<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/08/plastic-pollution-which-oceans-contain-most/>).

Researchers say if we don't clean up our act, the oceans will have more plastics by weight than fish by 2050 (<https://www.ecowatch.com/oceans-plastic-pollution-2554131906.html>).

Scientists across the globe are increasingly finding wildlife that has been killed after ingesting or becoming entangled in plastic. Ninety percent of sea birds, for example, have been found to have plastic in their bellies. And the problem is only getting worse: The estimated 8.6 million tonnes of plastic that ends up in the ocean every year is expected to double by 2025. These plastics will not only kill more animals; they'll decimate coral reefs, and damage human health as micro plastics enter the food chain. They'll create more and bigger dead zones where nothing can live, harm biodiversity, and change ecosystems. There will likely be additional, unknown impacts; researchers have only been studying ocean plastics for less than two decades (<https://newrepublic.com/article/147988/global-crisis-plastic-pollution>).



Plastic Banding Straps, FIPASS April 2018

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