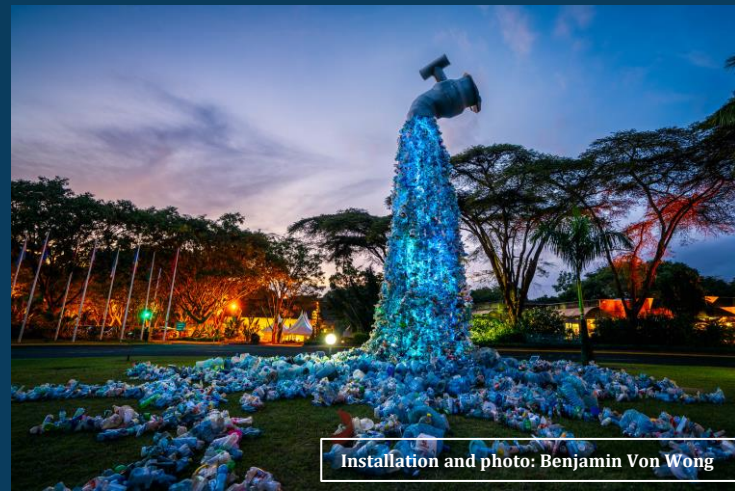


A call to the scientific community to support an ambitious and effective global plastics treaty



What is the Global Plastics Treaty?

Plastics production and use exceed our ability to prevent pollution and harm; plastics and associated chemicals are transboundary and now pollute every part of the planet, including human bodies. For these reasons, the [United Nations had agreed to develop a legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment](#) . A successful treaty will mandate policies that address plastics through the entire life cycle.

We are facing a [triple planetary crisis](#) of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Several international agreements address the first of these, including the Paris Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. A global plastics treaty will address the full life-cycle of plastics.

Why should scientists support an ambitious and effective global plastics treaty?

The scientific community has researched the sources, fate, and effects of plastics pollution for decades, leading to the adoption of a resolution to negotiate the global plastics treaty. Hundreds of scientists signed a [declaration](#) supporting adoption of the United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14 mandating the ongoing treaty negotiations, and the scientific community has continued to support delegates with broad, multidisciplinary science to support evidence-based decision making.

The [fifth, and final planned meeting of the International Negotiating Committee](#) is scheduled to take place in Busan, Republic of Korea from 25 November to 1 December.

We are urgently calling on plastics scientists from across the globe and across disciplines to support the adoption of an ambitious and effective treaty to ensure a safer and more sustainable future for people and the planet.

Read the declaration here: [Scientists' Declaration for the Global Plastics Treaty](#)

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Sign the declaration by 22 November 2024 to be included in an announcement on 23 November 2024.