

# THE MOST DANGEROUS SPECIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN



**The plastic demijohn**  
Origin: city streets, beaches and gullies.  
Behaviour: can be ingested by animals, causing serious poisoning.  
Average lifespan: 400 to 600 years.



**The battery**  
Origin: city streets, gullies and boats.  
Behaviour: the liquids they discharge are highly poisonous.  
Average lifespan: thousands of years.



**The condom**  
Origin: toilets and city streets.  
Behaviour: they can be ingested by other animals and cause digestive problems.  
Average lifespan: 30 years.



**The plastic bottle**  
Origin: beaches, city streets and boats.  
Behaviour: causes serious damage to marine flora and fauna.  
Average lifespan: 300 to 500 years.



**The carton**  
Origin: beaches and city streets.  
Behaviour: has an abrasive effect on organisms growing on the sea bed.  
Average lifespan: 25 to 50 years.



**The paper bag**  
Origin: beaches and boats.  
Behaviour: has a serious effect on the digestion of certain sea creatures.  
Average lifespan: 4 weeks.



**The tin can**  
Origin: city streets and beaches.  
Behaviour: causes cuts and lesions to marine fauna and swimmers.  
Average lifespan: 200 to 500 years.



**The cigarette stub**  
Origin: toilets, beaches, gullies and city streets.  
Behaviour: impedes the digestion of certain animals.  
Average lifespan: 10 years.



**The plastic ring**  
Origin: beaches and city streets.  
Behaviour: traps marine organisms, causing serious injuries or death.  
Average lifespan: 450 years.



**The plastic bag**  
Origin: city streets, beaches and boats.  
Behaviour: as it resembles a jellyfish, it is eaten by other animals and poisons them.  
Average lifespan: 35 to 60 years.



**The bottle cap**  
Origin: city streets, beaches and boats.  
Behaviour: causes digestive problems to marine fauna.  
Average lifespan: 300 years.



**Pieces of plastic**  
Origin: factories and city streets.  
Behaviour: can be eaten by other animals and poisons them.  
Average lifespan: hundreds of years, depending on the quantity.



**The food wrapper**  
Origin: beaches and city streets.  
Behaviour: causes serious damage to marine flora and fauna.  
Average lifespan: 20 to 30 years.



**Aluminum foil**  
Origin: beaches, streets and gullies.  
Behaviour: can envelop certain organisms and prevent them from feeding.  
Average lifespan: 5 years.



**Diesel and engine oil**  
Origin: boats.  
Behaviour: its toxicity destroys the marine habitat wherever it reaches.  
Average lifespan: depends on the amount discharged.



**The glass bottle**  
Origin: city streets, beaches and boats.  
Behaviour: causes cuts and serious injuries to swimmers and marine fauna.  
Average lifespan: thousands of years.



**The aluminum foil lid**  
Origin: beaches and boats.  
Behaviour: has an abrasive effect on organisms growing on the sea bed.  
Average lifespan: 10 years.



**The sanitary pad**  
Origin: beaches, toilets and boats.  
Behaviour: impedes the proper digestion of animals that ingest them.  
Average lifespan: 25 years.

All around the world, 8 million tonnes of waste reach the sea every day. All this refuse is generated by human activity. This non-recyclable rubbish is thrown into the toilet, onto the streets, into gullies, onto the sand and into the sea, turning it into a tangible destroyer of marine life. But you can stop this from happening.

**Uncontrolled waste is a threat to the seas.**