

CARNIVAL

Plastic materials and mixed technique on canvas; 80 x 100 cm; 2012



Turtle entangled in fishing net [1]

Entanglement with plastic material is a wide-spread phenomenon, which has been reported for sea turtles, marine mammals, sea birds and fish. It may lead to injuries and death of the animal. Amongst the most dangerous objects in marine debris are derelict fishing nets, pots, traps and ropes, monofilament lines, plastic rings and packaging strapping bands.



The gourmet menu

The following plastic items have found to be ingested by fish: Bags, sheets, cups, packages, packaging material, fishing line, rope, styrofoam, rubber, pellets, polystyrene spherules and a vast number of fragments of unidentified origin.



Stomach contents of a dead albatross chick (Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, 2009) [2]

References:

- [1] <http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2005/images/marine-debris-entangledturtle2.jpg> 
- [2] Chris Jordan via U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters (2009); [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Albatross_at_Midway_Atoll_Refuge_\(8080507529\).jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Albatross_at_Midway_Atoll_Refuge_(8080507529).jpg) 
- [3] M. R. Gregory; Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B (2009) 364, 2013–2025; Environmental implications of plastic debris in marine settings - entanglement, ingestion, smothering, hangers-on, hitch-hiking and alien invasions