

The disposal of plastics is a highly visible global problem – from the highest mountains to the deepest ocean trenches, waste plastic seems inescapable. Plastics are nearly indestructible, and yet they are discarded worldwide on a large scale: the world produces around 359 million tonnes of plastics each year. This has led to a consensus that plastics are an unsustainable material. The environment cannot address their disposal at a speed fast enough to prevent harm to living beings. In natural conditions,