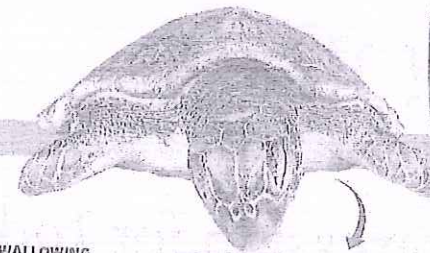


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China and Brazil are expected to launch a new Earth resource satellite, CBERS-4A, in the second half of 2019, according to a report by Xinhua news agency.



EXFILE

THE BIGGEST ANTAGONIST: PLASTIC

A sperm whale has been found dead in Indonesia with more than a hundred plastic cups and a dozen plastic bags in its stomach, raising concern among environmentalists and throwing the spotlight on the archipelago's rubbish problem. Weighing almost 6 kgs, the plastic waste was found in the carcass when it washed ashore in Wakatobi National Park. We take a look at a few cases how plastic has ruined our oceans' ecosystems.

WASTE RECOVERY  
WASTE FOR  
INDIA

115 plastic cups  
25 plastic bags  
2 Flip-flops  
4 plastic bottles  
1000 pieces of string was found in bag

The exact cause of the whale's death is not yet known but there are signs that 'plastic waste might have triggered it'.



SWALLOWING PLASTIC TRASH

On Monday, a rotting carcass of a 9.5-metre whale was found in shallow waters off Kapota Island in Indonesia.



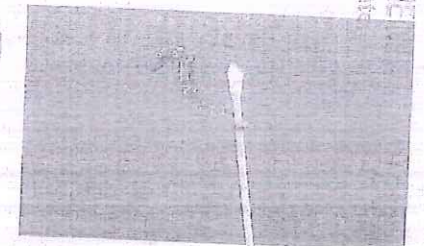
JAMMED STOMACH

In early June this year, a green turtle was found stranded on a beach in

Thailand. Plastic shreds, rubber bands and other debris were found jammed in its stomach.

Due to the ingested plastic, the turtle was feeling weak & unable to swim. Veterinarians tried to feed it intravenously as X-rays discovered a blockage in its intestinal track.

After two days, the turtle died highlighting the crisis of waste-strewn seas.



Instagram @JustinHofman

When photographer Justin Hofman captured an image of a seahorse holding on to a cotton bud, it brought to attention how even tiny animals are also being affected by plastic – which was usually associated with large animals such as whales.

The image has now become a poster for conservationists trying to fight the perils of marine trash. The picture was captured by the American photographer near Indonesia's Sumbawa Island.



INDONESIA'S GARBAGE PROBLEM

The country is the world's second biggest contributor to marine debris after China.

1.29 mn

metric tonnes of garbage produced annually.

The report by Ocean Conservancy blames China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand.

DANGEROUS BEVERAGES



2050

Some estimates say that there could be more plastic than fish in the sea by this year.

INAMQUEERIVE

10%

of green turtles stranded on beaches in Thailand had ingested plastic or suffered infections due to waste.

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Asian countries responsible for more than half of the eight million tonnes of plastic waste dumped into the world's oceans.