PETITION

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING SO THAT MACRO-WASTE IS NOT THE FORGOTTEN POLLUTION!

According to the UN, each square kilometre of ocean contains 120,000 floating pieces of plastic. In certain parts of our oceans, there is six times more plastic than plankton.

Even though we're now talking about "plastic plankton" and even though large numbers of species are dying from suffocation or occlusions by absorbing these materials, the European Institutions still do not consider macro-waste as pollution. It's time to convince our MEPs that this is a matter of urgency!

Surfrider Foundation Europe is asking the European Parliament and the European Commission to rapidly take some form of legislative initiative to recognise macro-waste as genuine pollution. This is an essential step in at last giving ourselves arms to fight against macro-waste that are equal to the threat such waste represents for our oceans and environment.

You can do something by signing this petition which will be handed over to the Commission on 20th May 2009 during European Maritime Day.

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Please send us back this filled petition by post

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