

On the occasion of World Water Day  
the United Nations invites you to the **premiere** of

## "Plastic Shores"

on Thursday 22 March 2012 at 6.30 pm



In the year 2010 global plastic production reached 300 million tonnes. A third of this was used in disposable packaging. In the United Kingdom, 3 million tonnes of plastic are thrown away every year, 1% of the total amount of all plastic manufactured on the planet. But what happens to this plastic when it is thrown away? Most of it makes its way to landfill. Some goes to recycling or incineration. The rest escapes into our environment, and to the world's oceans...and nobody knows how long it will stay there. Estimates range from decades to hundreds of thousands of years.

'Plastic Shores' is a documentary that explores how plastic affects the marine environment. Traveling from the International Marine Debris Conference in Hawai'i to the polluted Blue Flag beaches of Cornwall, the film reveals just how bad the problem of plastic debris is and how it harms aquatic life. There is now not a single beach or sea in the world that is not affected by plastic pollution and the situation continues to deteriorate.

The film will be followed by a Q&A, with:

**Mr. Edward Scott-Clarke**, (director of the film)

**Mr. Chris Vanden Bilcke**, (head of UNEP's Liaison Office to the EU.)



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*NB: The film is in English . It  
has a runtime of 60 minutes.*

*To watch the trailer, please visit  
[www.plasticshoresfilm.com](http://www.plasticshoresfilm.com)*

There is no entrance fee, but as places are limited, it is important to register by sending an email to: [cine-onu@unric.org](mailto:cine-onu@unric.org), with the subject field 'Plastic Shores' and your full name and full name of guest (if applicable). Maximum tickets per person: 2. If you do not receive a confirmation of your registration via e-mail, please contact us again



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