
COVID-19 IS MURDERING OUR WORLD

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For a long time we've been having plastic pollution, the one we can find, mainly, in the ocean, on the floor, or flying in the air thanks to the wind. But the serious problem is that we were trying to resolve this until the pandemic arrived. Now our goal is, defeat Covid-19 but for that, we need a lot of protection, like masks, gloves, alcohol gel, etc. Before, only hospitals used this much stuff for the good of everyone, but now all of us use these things, and little by little, this problem is increasing, making a bigger problem in the future.

Before talking about the solution to this problem that affects our ecosystem, we can talk about the possible preventions. Hospitals have to continue using these tools to work, for the health of everyone, like disposable masks, gloves, special clothes, etc. But we can use some other stuff that doesn't damage the world. One way of prevention could be, instead of using disposable masks, we can reuse masks, but make sure that that mask works, also we can refill the bottle of the alcohol gel, and do not encourage the use of gloves because they are useless.

Now that we have this problem, we need to look for a solution. The separation of mixtures is a solution. For example, the decantation, because that way they can separate the seawater, with all the plastics using the decantation ampoule, and then recycle the plastic. Another solution, the filtration. If we put an adequate funnel in the aqueducts leading to the sea, and a filtration paper, the plastic will be held, the water will continue until the sea, and occasionally they clean the aqueducts and recycle the plastics. With these two methods, our ecosystem from the sea isn't in contact with the plastic that we trash, and little by little the plastic will despair if we use the methods of prevention mentioned before.



To back up the above, we are going to read a quote from Ethel Eljarrat, an expert in environmental chemistry says: *“Although the quarantine has improved air and water quality, it increased the production of plastic hospital implements from those that are used and thrown away. Warns that low oil prices may exacerbate the problem.”* In conclusion, this quote shows that the arrival of the pandemic is a problem, the one increases the plastic pollution, mainly in the sea, and it is demonstrated that the human being needs urgent changes, so we need to find a balance between fighting Covid-19, and protecting our planet. So, let's start acting and save our beautiful planet!