



Greece mobility



Effects of plastics in the environment

Plastic can take over 400 years to decompose. During this time, it accumulates in open dumps, contaminating the atmosphere, soil, groundwater (strategic reserves of drinking water) and rivers. According to the European Parliament, in 2018 the oceans were already home to more than 150 million tons of plastic waste. And the prediction is quite pessimistic.

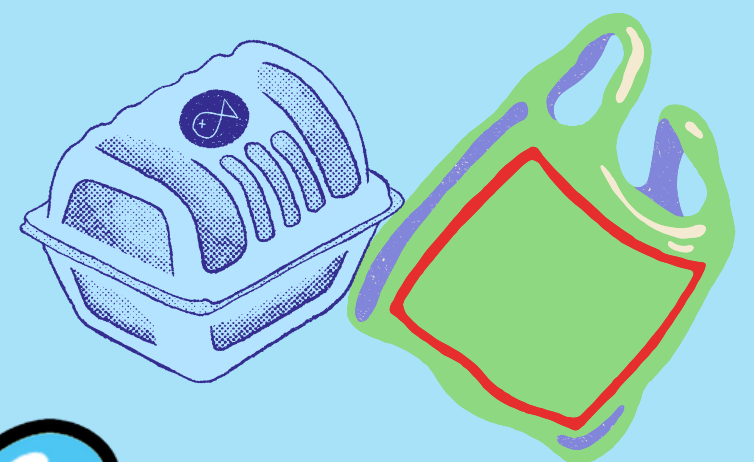
Aiming for a change in people's attitudes, in Greece, we developed works to show how we are capable of reducing and reusing plastic.

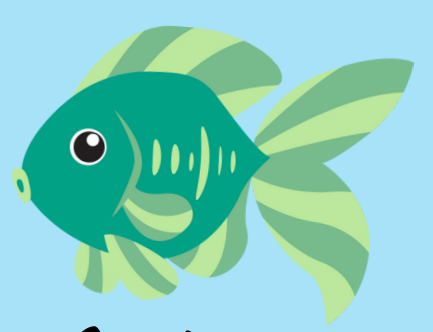


On our first day, we did some activities and games in the school. The games were made with recycled plastics. In the afternoon, we saw the work made by our partners from other countries.

On Tuesday, we went to Arina Beach, and there we clean-up the beach, collected garbage, plastics and with a lab researcher we learned to pick up microplastics.

We were not expecting the huge quantity of microplastics in a small portion of sand. After cleaning-up, we explored the Hellenic Centre of Marine Research, and there we learned so much more about microplastics and marine species.



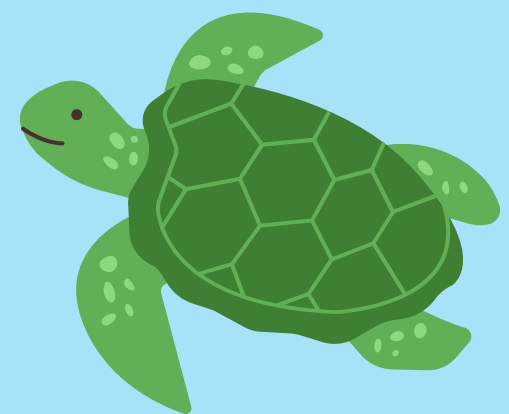


In the afternoon we visited the Cretan Aquarium where we saw many beautiful species that should be preserved.

On Wednesday we visited some places in Crete island, its natural beauty, made us remember that we must preserve Nature.



On Thursday we made some art works with recycled plastic. It was important because now we know that we can do so much stuff with pieces of plastic.



We loved the experience and we learned so much

