

# The City Council joins the battle against plastic pollution on World Oceans Day

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The Department of City of the City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria wanted to make visible the serious impact caused by marine pollution by plastics with a day of environmental awareness in which 300 schoolchildren from the capital have participated. This initiative has been celebrated on the occasion of World Oceans Day, which in 2018 poses the challenge #sincontamination Clean our oceans.

The beach of Las Canteras has been the scene occupied by students of the schools Los Tarahales, Las Canteras and Fernando Guanarteme to remember that 8 million tons of plastic per year ends up in the world's oceans wreaking havoc on wildlife, fishing and The tourism.

The councilor of the Government of the Area of Economic Promotion, Employment, City of Sea, Mobility and Tourism, Pedro Quevedo, said that "plastic is a very dangerous tide" and claimed the need to "use less plastics and recycle to reverse this unfortunate situation It affects not only life but also our health and the economy. Our city depends on the sea, its coastline and the sustainability of the ocean we play a lot. "

One of the most symbolic activities of the day on the beach has been the release of a turtle that has returned to its natural habitat, to the sea, helped by schoolchildren. The turtle, which was rescued last May, in the south of Gran Canaria, has recovered from its wounds, caused by garbage in the sea, in the Wildlife Recovery Center of the Cabildo de Gran Canaria.

Quevedo thanked the workers of the Recovery Center for their involvement and collaboration and positively assessed these actions "because they allow schoolchildren and their families to perceive how fragile marine animals are in the face of aggressive behavior over their natural environment."

The mayor recalled that "the beach of Las Canteras has an enviable health", with a catalog of marine species that exceeds 150, "but any aggression in the ocean affects us directly, since the marine natural dynamics does not know of walls or borders".

The program of activities on the occasion of this international event has had the collaboration of the Municipal Institute for Training and Employment (IMEF) with the student-workers of the Training Program in Alternate Recreation, the Real Club Victoria, Cancionero Isleño, Salitre Sport, Red Promar, Transforma Koi Socio-educational Association, ADS Biodiversity and the Agama Environmental Education Group.