



7TH INTERNATIONAL  
**MARINE DEBRIS  
CONFERENCE**

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## Media Advisory

Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea and UN Environment Programme co-host the 7th International Marine Debris Conference.

**18th -23rd September 2022**

The 7th International Marine Debris Conference (7IMDC) is co-hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) of the Republic of Korea (ROK), with the support of the Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM). The 7IMDC will be held from the 18th to the 23rd of September, at the BEXCO Conference Center in the bustling port city of Busan.

The International Marine Debris Conference (IMDC) is the world's largest and longest-running conference series dedicated to the issue of marine debris and plastic pollution. The 5IMDC saw the launch of the Honolulu Strategy- a landmark framework for a comprehensive and global effort to reduce the ecological, human health, and economic impacts of marine debris.

The 7th IMDC is the first to be held outside the United States and will build on the momentum of past IMDCs by bringing together governments, industry, academia, civil society, and all relevant stakeholders, to discuss the latest science, strengthen collaborations, find solutions and catalyze action to address the urgent, global problem of marine litter and plastic pollution.

The conference is open to media, who can register online or at the venue.

**WHAT:** 7th International Marine Debris Conference  
**WHEN:** 18th – 23rd September, 2022  
**WHERE:** BEXCO, Busan, ROK

### For more information

[www.7imdc.org](http://www.7imdc.org) / [info@7imdc.org](mailto:info@7imdc.org)

### About the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) of the Republic of Korea:

MOF has an executive responsibility for marine-related work encompassing the shipping and port industry, fisheries industry, marine environment, and maritime territory. MOF is well aware of the urgency around the issues of marine debris and plastic pollution and has been responding to this with meticulously designed plans and policies, with a goal to achieve a "Marine Plastic-Free Society" by 2050.

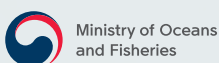
### About the Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM) of the Republic of Korea:

As the only public marine environment management organization in the Republic of Korea, KOEM implements various projects such as collecting marine debris, restoring the marine ecosystem and managing marine protected areas (MPAs). KOEM aspires to play a pivotal role in making our ocean cleaner and is committed to bringing positive changes to the marine environment.

### About the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Since its inception in 1972, UNEP has been the global authority that sets the environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

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Global Partnership  
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