

The global plastic problem

Plastic waste tends to build up in coastal cities that don't have the infrastructure to process it. Herman Miller is a founding member of [NextWave Plastics](#), a consortium working to develop the first global network of ocean-bound plastic supply chains.

Why it's a problem

There are currently more than 86 million metric tons of plastic in our ocean. Every year, that number increases by 8 million. That means that, every minute, at least the equivalent of one garbage truck of plastic is dumped into the ocean.

Our impact on the planet and local communities

We've created a platform to innovate from, to learn about the material and how we can integrate ocean-bound plastic into a broad range of our products and processes. Not only are we reducing the volume of plastic waste entering the ocean, but we are also increasing demand for the material, creating jobs, and boosting economies.

This is just the beginning ...

326 metric tons

of ocean-bound plastic will be diverted from the ocean annually*

the equivalent of

32 million water bottles

*Based on 2023 sales forecast

How it works:

