



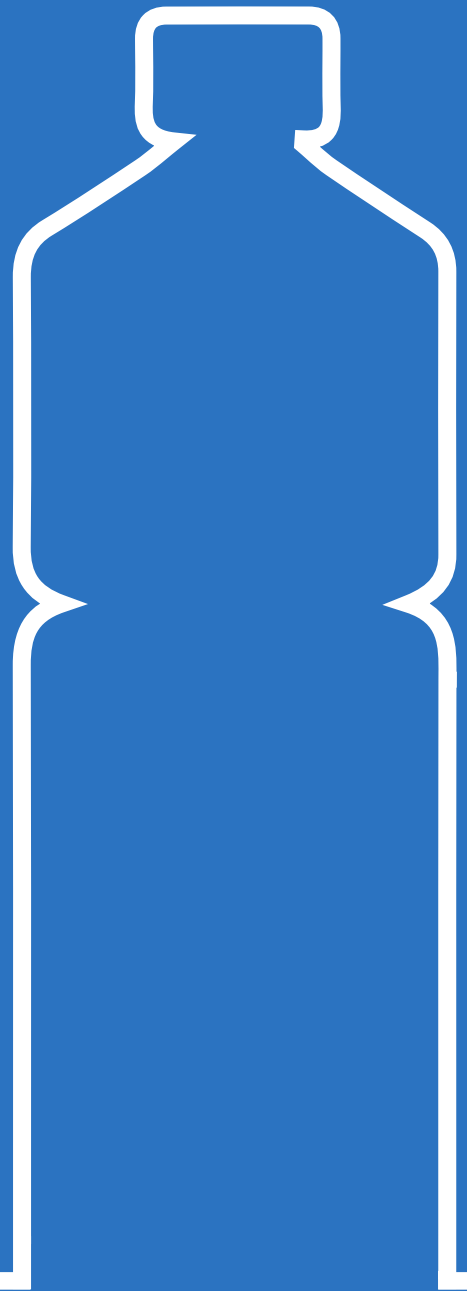
MINGAS POR EL MAR



How did **Mingas por el mar** started?

Mingas por el Mar was created by two ocean lovers and conservationist Isabel Romero and Michael Warwick, after their first visit to Ecuador at the beginning of 2014, where they notice all the beaches they visited were full of diverse wastage and knew there was not enough information nor education about the topic. In January 2016, Cecilia Torres and her husband Ricardo Plaza offered their help to the organisation for a month, during a beach cleaning up along the coastline of Ecuador where their goal was to motivate people to take action and called the attention of citizens about this problematic issue.

As time went by there was a group of volunteers that gather which was directed by Cecilia Torres, compromise to be an example to deliver this message, educate and take action in the care and conservation of the ocean.



**It is important to note
that 90% of collected wastage
is plastic and comes from the sea,
Galgani, 2015.**



Who are we as Mingas por el mar?

Mingas por el Mar is an Non-Profit Organisation that has more than 18 leaders in the coastal region, highlands and archipelago with 250 volunteers including professionals in the area of Biology, Law, Hospitality, Environmental Engineering, Education, Art and more. Compromise to be a leading example of caring about the environment to the rest of citizens to inspire the change in a variance of aspects.

We have a total of 19 active groups in Ecuador: Guayaquil, Salinas, Playas, Ballenita, Olón, Montañita, Puerto Cayo, Pedernales, Manta, Santa Cruz (Galápagos), Esmeraldas, San Pedro, Posorja, Puerto El Morro, Machalilla, Quinindé, Ancón, Ibarra y Jaramijó. Mingas por el Mar is focus in continuing promoting new citizens who can inspire a new generation of actors willing to contribute from their locations.

What is our **objective?**



Educate the community in topics related to pollution, focusing in plastic wastage and educating about their negative effects in general health.




Create a change behaviour and thought towards the problematic issue that we are facing.



Transmite our message to the majority of population to promote good consumption habits into our community,



Foment the diminishing of one use disposable plastic wastage and transmitting a culture of reusing and reducing.



“ BPA (Bisfenol A) which it is part of almost all plastic produced products and it is a chemicals affects the human fertility and can lead to diseases such as cancer. Meeker, 2009.

What do we do?



Beach, river and lakes **clean ups**.



Environmental Education

throughout continuous campaigns, workshops and talks to the community.



In field data monitoring to help investigation, open new research and to learn about a particular point of marine polluted area.



Social environmental development it one of our cores values, therefore we encourage and arrange coworking with all different actors from our community including our local government, businesses, education academies and citizens.

What had we achieved?

Since our beginning at the end of 2015 until today, we have achieved the following:

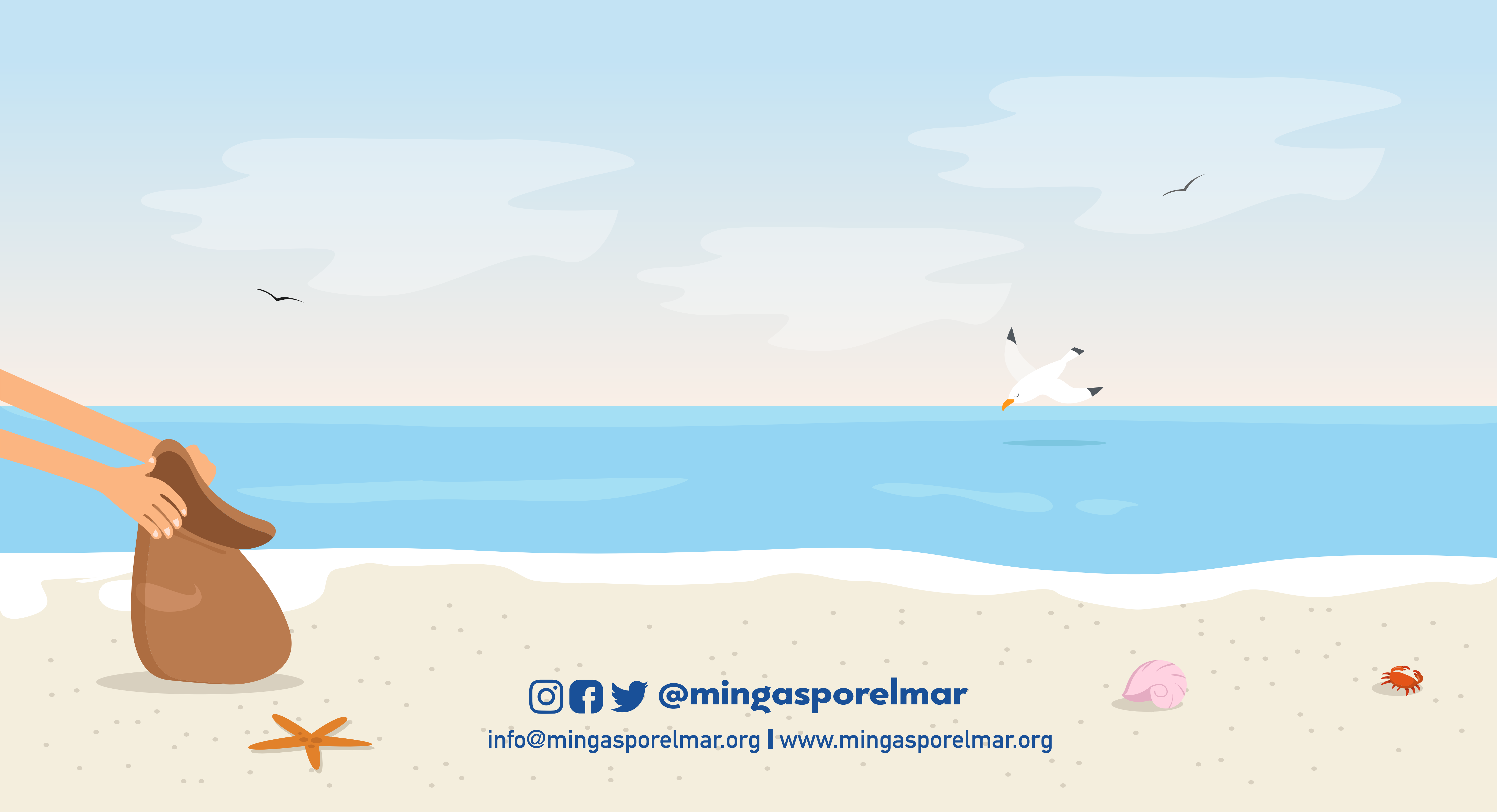
- ✓ Consolidated **19 groups** nationally throughout of program “Leading Volunteers”.
- ✓ We have done over **433 beach clean ups**.
- ✓ Withdraw **23.200 kilos** of general waste (including one use plastics wastage) in natural reserves.
- ✓ Giving over **200 talks** about environmental education in multiple learning centres, business and communities.
- ✓ **Provide local data** o promote and support the approval of a new law to regulate the “One use plastic wastage” in the National Assembly of Ecuador.
- ✓ Be a relevant source of information and action **nationally** by educating in the topics of environment and the abolishment of one use plastic waste.

“ **More than 114 marine animals
had been studied and present
irreversible damage to their
organism due to plastic waste.**



Network and Alliances we are proudly part of.

- ✓ Global Pact, ONU
- ✓ Zero Waste Alliance Ecuador
- ✓ Ecuadorian Network or Research for Macro and Micro Plastics
- ✓ 6D Movement
- ✓ Break Free From Plastic
- ✓ Global Alliance Against Incineration



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