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Mini Series #12

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Coronavirus waste reaches the ocean floor

World Ocean's Day took place earlier this week and many people from across the world took the time to [sign a petition](#) for world leaders to protect 30% of our blue planet by 2030.

Conservationists have warned that the coronavirus pandemic could spark a surge in ocean pollution – adding to a glut of plastic waste that already threatens marine life – after finding disposable masks floating like jellyfish and waterlogged latex gloves scattered across seabeds.



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When dealing with PPE waste please refer first to the official Public Health England advice that is available via this [link](#).

- PPE should be put in a plastic waste bag and tied when full.
- This plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied.
- It should then be stored in a safe and secure place for 72 hours.

WORLD'S FIRST PLASTIC-FREE, COMPOSTABLE PPE VISOR

A **Plastic Planet** has worked with Reelbrands and Transcend Packaging to develop plastic-free visors to protect frontline workers and medical staff in the ongoing battle to combat the coronavirus pandemic. The *new visors* are certified to circular economy standards and are made from FSC paper board and PEFC cellulose from wood pulp. The visor is home compostable.

Find out more about what a [circular economy](#) is.

SUSTAINABLE PODCASTS PICKS

Sustainable Business Covered podcast, The S in ESG, examining corporate social responsibility: This episode focused on social outreach and engagement in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Food Waste is Solvable: Find out about using food scraps to eliminate waste.

The Future for the Environment: Will COVID-19 change individual behaviour and our collective attitude towards climate change and other environmental issues? Mary Ann Sieghart and four leading thinkers discuss in a BBC Radio 4 Fallout episode.

The Earth Project

The Earth Project is supported by a number of universities and businesses and aims to explore the relationships between people and the planet during the pandemic. It is inviting everyone to submit a short audio or video clip of bird song recorded during lockdown – or following lockdown. The best 100 will be featured on [this](#) webpage with a link to our global database of nature's sound of the pandemic.

They are also interested in your Covid-19 lock-down thoughts, which you can contribute to using their questionnaires [here](#).



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