

PLASTICS AT SEA



ONLY **1%** of all the plastic that ends up in the sea is debris floating on the ocean surface.

EST. **5%** of all the plastic in the sea washes up on our beaches.

ALARMING **94%** of plastics in the sea are invisible, submerged beneath the surface.



It is estimated that as much as 80% of litter found at sea originates from land sources. This means that 20% originates from maritime businesses whilst an estimated 28% of the top 100 most common plastic items found at sea are commonly used by commercial vessels.

Whilst legislative frameworks, scientific advances, and local availability are slowly catching up with industry needs and demands, our findings have evidenced the need for multifaced concrete and coordinated actions.

Garrets is fully committed to conducting its business in a lawful, ethical and sustainable manner. We set high standards and expectations across our operations and these are cascaded throughout our supply chain. We have identified the most common waste items that can be found in the ocean and have built our environmental strategy around a **"4R" philosophy** with the goal of reducing our environmental impact.



RAISING AWARENESS

From packaging to consumption patterns, and from suppliers to end consumers, there is the need for a concerted approach to encourage co-responsibility where education and knowledge play a key role in making better choices for our environment.



REDUCE

We are committed to continually improving our supply chain environmental performance. To this end Garrets has begun to monitor our performance by gathering data to understand where local regulations present challenges, in an effort to ensure packaging is minimized to the greatest possible extent.



REPLACE

We work tirelessly with our supply partners; understanding regional availability, challenges and developments, in order to provide sustainable, and cost-effective eco-friendly alternatives. We will continuously work on evaluating alternatives across our range of products and activities to further develop our eco-friendly assortment.



RECYCLE

Garrets is committed to the development of a circular economy where materials and products are circulated, their value is fully utilized, and waste minimized. We started at home and revamped our office recycling policies. We learned first-hand of the challenges such commitments entail and encourage our global business partners to join in this cause.