

# ISTS Japan

## 2nd Workshop on Marine Debris and Sea Turtles



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**Summary:** The workshop on Marine Debris and Sea Turtles aims to address the current concern of the scientific community about the issue of anthropogenic marine debris, improving our understanding of its impacts and effects on marine turtle populations.

This second edition will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February (3pm - 8pm) and hold a special session focused on the **plastic pollution** issue. Plastic pollution has become one of the main threats that have emerged over the last decades in the marine environment. The increasing occurrence of plastics in the oceans has direct effects on marine turtles. Moreover, turtles interact with plastic debris in all their life stages and in different ways such as entanglement, ingestion or bioaccumulation, causing different health problems or even mortality. Therefore, it is essential to strengthen research and conservation actions to mitigate and reduce these impacts.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Marine Debris and Sea Turtles represents an excellent opportunity to create a common framework of reference for the research in the fields of plastic pollution and marine turtles. Through a forum, specialists in the matter and attendees will be able to discuss the different topics related to this issue. The specific workshop objectives are:

1. Identify the potential hazards of plastics at different scales.
2. Share experiences and results of cutting-edge research.
3. Detect knowledge gaps.
4. Discuss methods, indicators and technical tools for risk assessment.
5. Standardize data collection protocols.
6. Discuss mitigation strategies, laws and policies.

This workshop is aimed at scientists and researchers who are interested in the subject of the plastic pollution and its effects on marine turtles, and in general for the public interested in knowing more about these issues.

We look forward to having you join us for this exciting workshop!