



# About World Oceans Day (WOD)

World Oceans Day (WOD) is a global day of activities aimed to raise awareness of the crucial role the sea plays as a source of food, oxygen and medicine. WOD has been held since 1992 and is officially recognised by the United Nations.

MNS Marine (Marine Special Interest Group, Selangor Branch, Malaysian Nature Society) has been observing WOD by holding our signature marine awareness and snorkeling training programme with members and island communities.

Considering that the ocean's health has become a global priority, this year, we are reaching out to the general public in the Klang Valley in an educational, awareness-raising and fun event.



# Why WOD 2018

- According to WWF, **three-quarters of the world's coral reefs are now threatened** due to global warming.
- Project Seagrass estimates **we are losing one hectare of seagrass every hour**, important for carbon absorption and fisheries.
- **Malaysia is the 8<sup>th</sup> top plastic polluter in the world**. According to the United Nations, up to 90% of marine debris is made up of plastic polymers.
- We have also noticed **the alarming rate with which plastics wash up to our beaches**.
- **Plastic micro-particles are also finding their way into our drinking water**.



# Event Objectives

**Raise awareness** about the issues affecting the ocean's health and the importance of coral reefs, seagrass and sharks. Get everyone to appreciate the beauty of the oceans and how we are linked to it.

**Encourage one and all to get involved** in the prevention of marine litter by educating them and providing alternative solutions. A special focus is plastic pollution.



# Event Details

Date : **11 - 12 August 2018**

Time : 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Targeted Audience : General public

Mechanism : Pledges, exhibits, talks, workshops, vendor booths, educational fun activities and games

Publicity : MNS Marine social media, MNS publications and social media, venue publicity channels, partner/sponsor/vendor publicity channels, media



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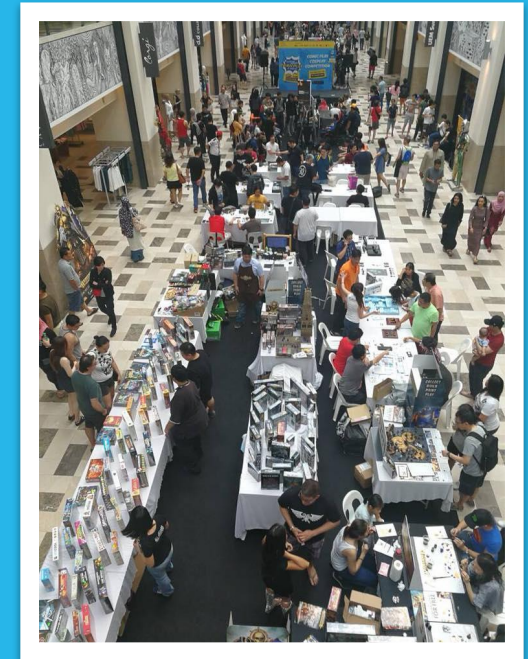
Participants : MNS Special Interest Groups (eg Green Living, Photography, Nature Guides, Caving, Bird Group etc), marine and plastic-related NGOs, dive and snorkel education specialists, vendors of marine/eco-friendly products and services, university and school groups

The event supports : the Selangor state government's #BebasPlastik and Cintai Pantai Selangor initiatives  
: the International Year of the Reef 2018, managed locally by the Department of Marine Parks Malaysia



# Venue

**Boulevard @ Publika** - a lifestyle mall in Kuala Lumpur which is well-known for its commitment to social and environmental causes and draws a crowd who appreciates such events.



# Organiser



**MNS Marine** - The Marine Special Interest Group, under Selangor Branch of the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS), is made up of a group of passionate volunteers who work towards conserving Malaysia's marine ecosystem.

Their goal is to share their love for the marine environment through education and programmes.

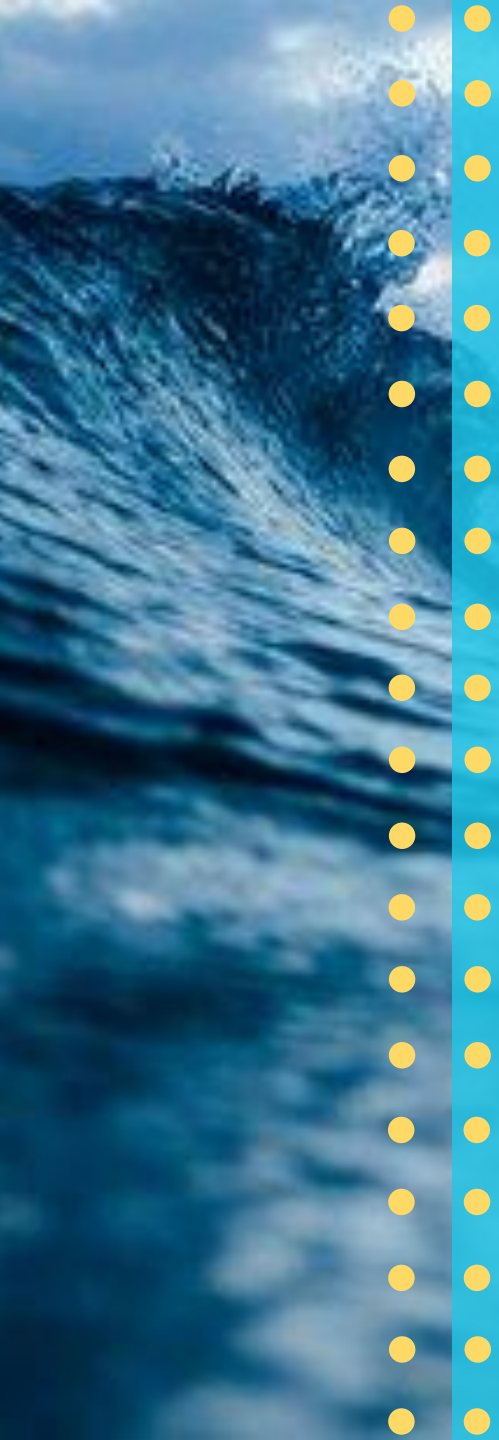
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Their other programmes include the *Fins - Best On Sharks* conservation programme and the *Towards Plastic-Free Seas* campaign.

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