PRESS RELEASE

From the Coastline: in-between Plastic Environments

Save the Date!

Microplastics infiltrate our bodies, run through river currents, are carried by the wind, fly into the soil, get washed ashore, and return to the ocean — no water remains untouched.

The exhibition From the Coastline, organized by Ocean.Now! and curated by Franca Lopez Barbera, renders tangible the barely visible yet universal presence of microplastics. Featuring twelve artistic positions, it invites us to reflect on the coastline as a hybrid space between the natural and the artificial, where the planetary flow of our local actions becomes most visible.

From the Coastline will be accompanied by a program proposing caring actions for a common future and a platform for dialogue between all levels of society — art, business, science, education, and politics.

Like the swaying movement of microplastics from the land into the ocean, our position within the earth system is not static. Where do we situate ourselves? And, how shall we act?
Duration: April 9 - May 6 2020
Opening: April 9 7pm
Finissage: Mai 6 7pm
Ort: Haus der Statistik, Karl-Marx-Allee 1, 10178 Berlin

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About Ocean.Now!:
Ocean.Now! is a collective dedicated to the protection of the ocean. It works with art in order to generate an emotional consciousness to take action on all levels of society. The "Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG 14)" of the Paris Climate Agreement forms the framework for the work of the collective. In November 2018, Ocean. Now! started a petition requesting a legal ban of microplastics in cosmetics and cleaning products. In June 2019, 88.000 signatures were handed over to the Minister of the Environment Svenja Schulze. The petition is now counting more than 116.000 signatures of advocates pledging for a legal ban. In October 2019, the Minister of the Environment of the federal country of Hesse handed in a proposal to also regulate “fluid microplastics” (soluble synthetic polymers) in cosmetics and cleaning products. This proposal has been lacking a majority of votes in the German Federal Council so far.
For more information on the petition to the Minister of the Environment and on the projects of Ocean. Now!, please visit ocean-now.org.