

Introduction

One of the youngest seas on our planet, the Baltic Sea is both a source of food and life. But as time has carried on we have seen the decrease of fish in the sea thus a decrease in the food supply to the countries surrounding it. Upon further research, scientists have discovered that the Baltic sea is heavily polluted with oil. Since 2009 the governments of the countries surrounding the Baltic Sea have been doing their best to bring the country back to its original state, but it hasn't gone the way they've hoped. Quite the opposite; as the years go by the Baltic Sea is only becoming worse and the governments are running out of ideas to help this sea.



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<https://twitter.com/rockbalticsea>

Summary/Conclusion

Let's make the world a better place, for us, for my generation and for the many generations the come ahead of us. Let's stand up for what we know is right. You can take this brochure now and feel inspired to make a difference, or you can go on and live your life how you want to. I won't try to make you do everything. If this has touched your heart though do your best to make the world an amazing planet, one where we can live with gorgeous blue oceans and lakes and rivers which feed the trees we love.

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IS THE BALTIC SEA DYING?

The Baltic Sea is located in the north part of Europe. It is famous for tourists and civilians both but as the years have



passed we have come to the realization that the water is being polluted. What is the government doing about this? What is the reaction of the civilians? Is there anything we can do about this? Read more if you want the answers to these questions.

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What is the government(s) doing about this?

So as I've mentioned before the government has been doing it's best to save the Baltic Sea. What government(s) am I talking about? Well here's a list:

- Norway
- Sweden
- Finland
- Russia
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Belarus
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Germany
- Denmark
- Netherlands



In this time of peril, all these countries have united to fix the problem. What have they done exactly? Well...

Believe it or not, they actually have a Baltic Legal manual where each country has their own specifications on what to do to keep this sea alive. For example, any boat who carries oil has to make sure there are no leaks or it's considered a crime and the penalty is severe.

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What is the reaction of the civilians?

Since I'm writing from Sweden I'll be writing about the Swedish civilians and how they feel about this issue. In my opinion, Sweden has taken the news quite well by trying to make their country eco and environmental friendly. Maybe that might be because I'm from here so it makes me biased. But not only Sweden, but other countries such as Latvia, Estonia, The Netherlands and Denmark have tried their best to accustom to the environment. They've been trying to stop using cruise ships to prevent any more pollution. And make the sea healthier.



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What can we do?

There is something that all of us can do. Be more aware of our environment and give it the respect it deserves. No, this doesn't mean you have to do all the zero waste stuff. You can if you want to but it isn't necessary. Try to decrease your plastic intake. If you don't need/want it then, don't take it. Try to recycle don't throw away things that you can reuse. Ok so this sounds like zero waste, but you don't have to do it. It's your choice. You can choose to save our country(ies) or you can ignore the world and keep believing the Baltic sea will be fine. I don't care, but if you want to make a change and leave your impact on the world then please do what you can to save the ocean.

