



TIP TUESDAY

A weekly guide to help you kick your plastic habits.

A Humongous Waste

Today, the results of a necropsy (autopsy) from the stomachs of 13 sperm whales that beached near the coastal town of Tönning, Germany in January, were released to the public.



Photo by knsnews.co.uk

The standard diet for a sperm whale is medium-large **squid, octopus and fish.**

That's **NOT** what the scientists found.

According to a press release from the Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea National Park, the findings included, "Large amounts of **plastic waste in their stomachs**, and some of the garbage included a 13-meter-long fishing net, a 70-centimeter-long plastic car engine

cover and the remains of a plastic bucket."

"A 15-ton sperm whale needs to eat around 450 kg (almost 1,000 lbs) of food to sustain itself... but in their stomachs there was **no evidence that they had eaten anything recently other than plastic.**" (dailymail.co.uk)

Since January, 29 sperm whales have beached in Germany. Over 3,000 whales are stranded annually.

Let this Tip Tuesday serve as a reminder that what we do affects the world around us.



German environment minister Robert Habeck with waste from the whales



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