

TURNING POINT @433_2050

Ocean makes life possible on Earth. Diving to 433 metres you'll discover extraordinary life intensity in the deep, dark and (for us) inhospitable Arctic Ocean Deep life looks like plastic fragments. This could be soon reality, not an illusion. In 2050 we expect that weight of plastic will overcome fish one in the ocean. It's our choice: life or plastic? We can come back to the light, from the abyss which we every day are falling in, faster and faster. Saving the Ocean we'll save the human's future.

THE STORY

In July 2018, during the Arctic Marine geophysical expedition, High North18 (07-26 July 2018) I observed and documented, first time ever, massive presence of objects or large plastic fragments even near and in the Arctic ice pack, over 81° north latitude, about 100 kms northern Svalbard islands.

In the High North18 scientific expedition led by the Italian Hydrographic Institute, part of a pluri-annual Italian Navy research program, named High North, that involve many Italian research institutes as CNR, ENEA, OGS, INGV, ERI we planned to take water and sediment samples with manta trawl, box corer and videocamera, to gather information about microplastics.

I was involved – in name of European Research Institute - to sample microplastics with manta trawl, document macroplastics and to tell – with articles, photographs and video - about plastic pollution in Arctic ocean.

This video was shot during box corer – instrument to take seabed sediment samples - diving in a location at 81°21.300N 7°29.457E.

The extraordinary quantity of life in the deep sea, the optical effect of the fast diving, the sound of the sea deepness were strong inspiring elements for this video installation.

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