

## press release

# Resorts World Sentosa Takes a Step Forward to Reduce Single-Use Plastic Bottles

- Themed attractions, hotels, dining establishments and MICE events no longer serve single-use plastic bottles, saving more than 6.7 million plastic bottles a year
- S.E.A. Aquarium hosts Ocean Fest, beach and reef cleanups for public to take action against marine pollution



To minimise plastic waste, RWS has replaced all single-use plastic bottles with a more eco-friendly boxed water, while its hotels now provide refillable glass carafes in each room as well as water stations on every floor. PHOTO CREDITS: RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA.

**SINGAPORE, 4 June 2019** – Following its move to go [strawless last year](#), Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) continues its sustainability push towards a further reduction in plastic waste by phasing out single-use plastic bottles. RWS has stopped providing plastic bottles used for water and soft drinks at its five themed attractions, including Universal Studios Singapore and S.E.A. Aquarium, dining establishments such as celebrity chef restaurants and Malaysian Food Street, MICE events and across all of its six hotels.

The latest move will save over 6.7 million, or more than 100 tonnes of plastic bottles a year, helping to reduce marine plastic pollution. Single-use plastics such as straws and bottles have been known to create negative impacts on the environment, affecting wildlife and humans alike.

RWS has replaced single-use plastic bottles with more eco-friendly alternatives such as boxed alkaline water and aluminum canned drinks. RWS's six hotels, which previously provided complimentary bottled water, now offer more sustainable options for drinking water. These include refillable glass carafes in each room as well as newly-installed water stations on every floor for ease of hydration. The initiative extends to MICE events, where guests are now served fresh fruit-infused water dispensed from filtered pitchers instead of bottled water.

To turn the tide on plastic waste, RWS has also rolled out several activities to educate the public on minimising ocean pollution. S.E.A. Aquarium is currently hosting its annual Ocean Fest celebration to mark World Oceans Day. The month-long festival aims to raise awareness on ocean soundscapes and the negative impacts of sound pollution which is partly caused by oil drilling for plastics production. From now till 30 June, guests can immerse in audio-visual installations to learn about the good and bad sounds underwater, and catch a brand-new show featuring an ensemble of upcycled materials turned into musical instruments, live-sized dancing puppets made from recycled materials and an original score that conveys the importance of the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

S.E.A. Aquarium's conservation group, Guardians of the S.E.A.A, is organising beach and reef cleanups this month in collaboration with local nature groups. The group continues to reach out to 13,000 team members across the resort to raise awareness about plastic pollution and how everyone can take action to reduce their single-use plastic consumption. As part of its efforts, more than 2,000 team members were given reusable bottles for everyday use.

The elimination of plastic bottles is part of RWS's sustainability efforts to minimise waste as it supports the move towards becoming a Zero Waste Nation. RWS will continue to map its plastic footprint and overall waste, and make calculated reductions where possible. The resort continuously explores new and innovative eco-friendly practices across its day-to-day business operations for sustainable growth.

Refer to **Annex A** for an infographic on RWS's initiatives to reduce single-use plastics.

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## **ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA**

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, the Maritime Experiential Museum, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Complementing the adventure and adrenaline of its theme parks and attractions are six unique luxury hotels, the world-class Resorts World Convention Centre, a casino and the Asian flagship of a world-renowned destination spa. RWS offers award-winning dining experiences and exciting cuisine from around the world across its many renowned celebrity chef restaurants, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene and a leading gourmet destination in Asia for epicureans. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from original resident productions to concerts and public shows such as Crane Dance and Lake of Dreams. RWS has been named "Best Integrated Resort" since 2011 for eight consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

RWS is wholly owned by Genting Singapore, a company of the Genting Group. For more information, please visit [www.rwsentosa.com](http://www.rwsentosa.com).

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### **Note to Editors**

1. Photos can be downloaded from <https://app.box.com/s/de1vazuxbdvb38moze8j81q2imgrlgzq>
2. All photos are to be attributed to Resorts World Sentosa



ANNEX A - INFOGRAPHIC



# Reducing Single-Use Plastics in RWS

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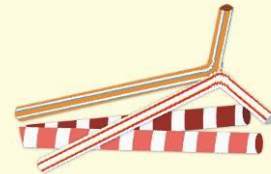
OVER **6.7 MILLION** PLASTIC BOTTLES SAVED A YEAR



REDUCED OVER **100 TONNES** OF PLASTIC WASTE A YEAR



**3 MILLION** STRAWS SAVED A YEAR



EDUCATING



**13,000**

TEAM MEMBERS ON MARINE CONSERVATION

## Efforts by Guardians of the S.E.A.A.

S.E.A. Aquarium's conservation group dedicated to conservation research, education and public engagement efforts to protect the ocean



**BRING YOUR OWN (BYO) SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**  
in partnership with ZeroWaste SG



ENGAGED **>24,000** STUDENTS



SAVED **>32,600** DISPOSABLES

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

ENGAGED **>115,000** PEOPLE VIA COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SCHOOL PROGRAMMES



### CLEANUPS IN 2018

ENGAGED **>350** VOLUNTEERS

REMOVED OVER **900KG** OF MARINE TRASH

COMPLETED **5** BEACH, REEF AND MANGROVE CLEANUPS\*



Healthy Ocean Healthy Us

\* Information collected contributes to global database by International Coastal Cleanup and Project AWARE