

# Celebrate Earth Month in April 2020



OUR GOAL: Remove and recycle **30** metric tons of plastic in **30** days



**30 metric tons =**  
**66 138 pounds =**  
**1 500 000 plastic bottles**



Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth **4** times.



There is more microplastic in the ocean than there are stars in the Milky Way.



**1 million** sea birds and **100 000** marine animals are killed annually from plastic in our oceans.



Plastic breakdown takes **500 to 1000** years, if it happens at all.



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We are privileged to collaborate with **Plastic Bank**, an organization globally recognized as implementing one of the most important solutions to stop ocean plastic.



Since its start in 2013, Plastic Bank has recovered and recycled over **9.6 million kilograms (21.1 million pounds)** of ocean bound plastic and improved the lives of over **18 000** families living in impoverished communities.



Plastic Bank directly contributes to **14** of the **17** United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and indirectly to the remaining three by addressing global challenges associated with poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental concern, peace, and justice.

**Earth Day, every day — help us make a difference for our planet!**

Let us know how you make an impact by sharing your sustainability pledge on social media using **#SustainableLifeSciences**

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