

FINAL THOUGHT...

THE SHEER SCALE OF THE PROBLEM

Ian Ganderton highlights the magnitude of the plastic bottles waste here in the UAE

This photograph was taken on a small beach on the wild, beautiful and largely uninhabited East Coast of the Musendham Peninsular during a trip. To be honest I don't think I've quite captured just how many bottles there were. It has highlighted to me the sheer scale of the problem caused by plastic bottles thrown away. As you can see the highwater mark is just covered in hundreds of bottles.

What can be done?

Well we can do 2 things:

a) highlight the problem to others and
b) do our best to not buy any more plastic bottles.
This is going to be quite hard. Here in the UAE it is very hot a lot of the time and this means we need to drink a lot of water. I spend a lot of time driving because of work and the standard 1.5l disposable water bottle at just a couple of dirhams is the easiest way to stay hydrated.

So I'm going to start using the drinking water supplied in the large recyclable containers and aim to keep my selection of water bottles filled and in the fridge ready to use. This should be something we can all make a habit of in order to keep our shores clean and beautiful.



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