

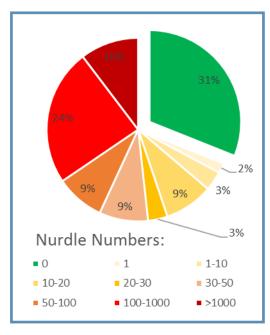
A GREAT big THANK YOU to all of you who took part in The Great European Nurdle Hunt, between 2nd and 5th June 2017. Over a single weekend we had hunts reported to us from beaches in 9 different countries across Europe. Nurdles were noted from Norway to Mallorca, and the Azores to Greece! Overall, we now have close to 1000 nurdle finds reported to our map across the UK and Europe... What a fantastic volunteer effort!



NURDLE STATS

- More than 250 nurdle hunters took part in 58 hunts in 9 different countries.
- 69% of hunts found nurdles present.
- Over one third found more than 100 during their search.

The chart below shows the results of the hunts, divided into categories of numbers of nurdles found.





As you can see, our nurdle map is getting packed with finds across Europe. <u>CLICK</u> HERE to explore them all online.



WHY?

The information you have collected will be combined with all our existing nurdle data, and fed into the upcoming European Commission investigation and public consultation into microplastics, which closes in October. The European Plastics Strategy is due to be published by the end of this year, and will take into account all of this information. This is an opportunity to directly input to European-wide decision making on the future of plastics policy.

Want to do more? Contribute to the consultation <u>HERE</u>.

Some of your top nurdle pics...



(From Left to Right) TOP: La Pointe, France; North Queensferry, Scotland; Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhone, France; Lympstone, Devon, England; Severn, England; MIDDLE: Meia Praia, Portugal; South Esk, Angus, Scotland; Dalmeny, Scotland; Tangenbukta, Norway; Fos-Sur-Mer, France; BOTTOM: Henne, Denmark; Isle of Wight, England; Zuiderstrand, Netherlands; Edinburgh, Scotland; Ostend, Belgium.

Please remember: We recommend wearing gloves or using tweezers to handle pellets!

WORKING WITH...

This international nurdle hunt has been organised in collaboration with the following members of the EU pellet loss coalition:









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