

# Where?

### A beach near you!

#### What is a Nurdle?

Nurdles are plastic pellets about the size of a lentil (2-3mm). They are used by industry to make many of our plastic products.

The pellets are easily spilled at any point during production, transport or processing. Thousands of tonnes (equating to many billions of pellets) may be lost to European seas each year from accidental spills. Like other microplastics, once at sea they can cause harm to marine life.

### Why join the Hunt?

The information you gather over this weekend will be used to show European industry and decision makers exactly how widespread nurdle pollution is across the continent—and how countries must work together to stop this source of microplastics for good!

The information will be fed into the upcoming European Commission investigation and public consultation into microplastics — find out more at <a href="https://www.eumicroplastics.com">www.eumicroplastics.com</a>

# When?

# 2nd - 5th June, 2017

#### How do I Take Part?

Pick a beach. Any sandy beach will do! This can include fresh water lakes and River banks. Keep a close lookout for nurdles, and report back what you found. We'd like to know:

- 1. Where you were searching
- 2. How many people were hunting
- 3. How long you were hunting
- 4. How many nurdles you found
- 5. \*New\* Did you spot any biobeads?

(What are biobeads?? Check out our Nurdle ID guide for more information)

Spotting nurdles can be tricky! Before you go, check out our tips on HOW TO HUNT





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