

## **Plastic Odyssey: A Major Stopover in the Philippines to Combat Plastic Pollution**



**Plastic Odyssey, the pioneering maritime expedition dedicated to reducing plastic pollution worldwide, is making a significant stopover in the Philippines. From November 18 to 28, the expedition will dock in Manila before continuing to Cebu from December 2 to 14. This stopover is one of the expedition's most ambitious phases in Asia, featuring initiatives to support sustainable development and engage local communities.**

### **INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS: TWO MICRO-FACTORIES DELIVERED**

Plastic Odyssey's Philippines stopover is marked by the construction and delivery of two micro-factories, one in Manila and the other in Cebu, created in partnership with **DELFINGEN Foundation**. These micro-factories will be handed over between late November and early December. Designed to transform plastic waste into valuable materials, they represent a replicable and cost-effective model to empower communities to tackle plastic pollution locally.

### **EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION: YOUTH FOR DAGAT**

Another highlight of this stopover is the launch of the «**Youth for Dagat**» (Youth for the Ocean) program. This initiative, co-led by **Plastic Odyssey, the French Embassy in the Philippines and FPUA**, focuses on raising environmental awareness among young people. Through educational activities, ship tours, and workshops, the program inspires and equips the next generation to become stewards of the environment.



## A PACKED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Manila's stopover offers a variety of public and private events to engage diverse audiences:

- ≡ **November 19:** Opening event and launch of the «Youth for Dagat» program at Alliance Française de Manille (5 PM), followed by documentary screening (8 PM).
- ≡ **November 20, 21, 22:** Incubation program «Onboard Laboratory» for entrepreneurs and project owners to discover onboard all recycling innovation documented by Plastic Odyssey during the first 2 years of expedition.
- ≡ **November 22, 25, 26, 28:** School tours for «Youth for Dagat», emphasizing education and innovation, raising awareness about plastic pollution and existing solutions.
- ≡ **November 27:** Inauguration of the Recycling Micro-Factory, nearby the Plastic Odyssey vessel at Cruise Terminal Eva Macapagal.

Cebu will host similar activities, continuing the mission to create awareness and provide practical solutions to plastic waste.

## ABOUT PLASTIC ODYSSEY

Plastic Odyssey is a three-year global expedition aimed at promoting low-tech, locally adaptable solutions to combat plastic waste. By building a network of micro-recycling plants and empowering local communities, the initiative seeks to transform the global plastic waste challenge into an opportunity for sustainable development.

## JOIN US IN MAKING AN IMPACT

The Philippines stopover showcases Plastic Odyssey's commitment to fostering local innovation and empowering communities through education and technology. Don't miss this opportunity to witness firsthand the efforts to combat one of the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

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