



# LET'S GIVE BACK THE BEAUTY TO NATURE - NEWSLETTER

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## GAIA FIRST'S MISSION

Gaia First, our international environmental NGO based in Paris and Miami, is now expanding to Mumbai. Our volunteers are currently present in more than 20 countries. We aim to protect biodiversity and eradicate plastic pollution from the oceans and territorial waters while bringing people together and raising awareness. Gaia First is not just an advocate for environmental sustainability; we are agents of change. We regularly organize clean-up events around the world, taking concrete steps to reduce marine pollution and restore vital marine ecosystems.

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# GAIA FIRST INDIA FOUNDATION



Gaia First is very proud to announce that a branch of the foundation has just opened in Mumbai, India.

We already had a lot of volunteers on the ground carrying out clean-ups. India is a very important and meaningful area, given the impact of plastic pollution on the country.

This is a new adventure for Gaia First, which is expanding across the Asian continent.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### THE ECONOMY OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

On 28 and 29 November, Gaia First attended the conference on the economy of the sea, where French President Emmanuel Macron presented the French government's vision of the economy of the sea to French decision-makers from the public and private sectors.

### COP 28

In December 2023, Gaia First travelled to Dubai to attend COP28. Our President Gianni Valenti was able to take part in the round tables aimed at defining a global objective for protecting the oceans and advancing monitoring practices.



## THE 2023 CLEANUPS

52

cleanups around the world with companies and volunteers

13 000 kg

of waste collected during the year

## THE SANCTUARIES

At Gaia First, we are developing a project to restore marine ecosystems using offshore wind farms. Offshore wind farms represent demarcated areas that can be an asset in terms of protection.

Sanctuarisation aims to protect part of the surface area of offshore wind farms.

In the long term, this will allow a return of marine biodiversity extending beyond the demarcated area, giving fishermen access to a larger restored resource. These areas will also serve as study bases for understanding the regeneration of marine species in sanctuary zones.

