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Marine litter in remote regions of the oceans Chilean-German researchers show impressive effects on the marine ecosystem

10 August 2018 / Kiel. The Easter Island in the South Pacific is one of the most remote regions of our planet. Although thousands of miles away from the continents, the waste of human civilization in the form of plastic can be detected here as well as in the entire South Pacific. In a review paper published in the journal *Frontiers in Marine Science*, a Chilean-German research team impressively demonstrates the extent of the pollution and the impact on the marine ecosystem.

Since several decades, plastics dominate many product and packaging sectors. Unfortunately, more and more of these very durable products are polluting our oceans. Due to the drift with ocean currents they reach the remotest areas of our planet. There, the litter is ingested by many marine

