

Film Screening and Panel Discussion: ALBATROSS the Film

World Environment Day 5th June 2018

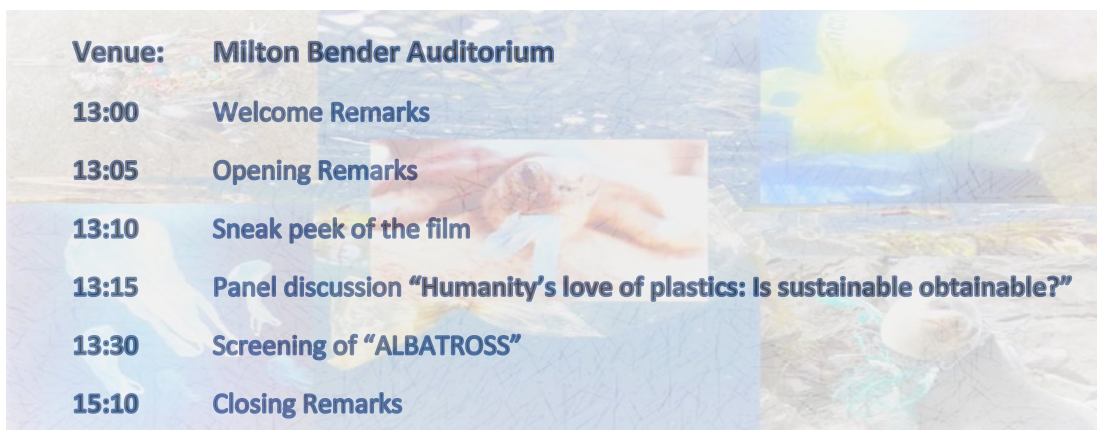
Eight million tons of plastic are dumped into our oceans every year, killing marine life and entering the human food chain. According to the UN Environment, with the *business as usual scenario*, there will be more plastics in the ocean than fish by 2050.

In December 2017, nearly 200 countries signed a U.N. resolution in Nairobi, Kenya to eliminate plastic pollution in the sea, a move some delegates hoped would pave the way to a legally binding treaty. Industries are, also, taking measures towards responsible production and exploring reduced used of plastics.

To provide impetus to the resolution and further catalyze actions, the World Environment Day 2018 is themes as **“Beat Plastic Pollution”**. This is a call to action for all stakeholders to come together to resolve one of the major challenges towards sustainability and human well-being.

To celebrate the World Environment Day this June 5th and to affirm the Asian Institute of Technology’s commitment towards sustainable development in the region and beyond, the *School of Environment and Resource Development (SERD)* and the *Wildlife Enforcement Monitoring System (WEMS) Secretariat* at the *AIT Solutions* is hosting the screening of a special film titled **“ALBATROSS”** – a stunning visual journey exploring the consequences of global plastics pollution in the ocean through the eyes of the Albatross population on Midway Island.

The screening intends to provoke appropriate and feasible actions from the community and related stakeholders to address the problem that can be considerably stemmed through minor adjustments in our lifestyle and subsequent choices that we make on a daily basis. The event will also bring together experts for a panel discussion to broach on the topic and define the need of the hour to tackle this problem.



Venue:	Milton Bender Auditorium
13:00	Welcome Remarks
13:05	Opening Remarks
13:10	Sneak peek of the film
13:15	Panel discussion “Humanity’s love of plastics: Is sustainable obtainable?”
13:30	Screening of “ALBATROSS”
15:10	Closing Remarks

Description of the Film

"Artist Chris Jordan alit on Midway Island in 2009 to photograph the albatrosses that populate this small spot of land in the middle of the Pacific. Little did Jordan know that he would return time and again to Midway on a wildly challenging eight-year odyssey to tell the story of these remarkable birds and what they mean to him. This is not your textbook nature documentary, but rather a revelatory and existential examination of life, loss and love. Exquisitely beautiful, immensely touching and ultimately inspiring, Albatross takes us on a journey to this remote island that few people ever see. What we glean is a profound understanding of how our everyday material lives intersect with the natural world, even when it seems far away."

The screening is free to attend and is open to the public.

Watch the 3-minute trailer now: <https://vimeo.com/218502282>



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