Authors responses to Reviewer 2

1. (Pag. 1 Line 7) in the text, I have deleted the word "serious".

(Pag. 1 Line 7) in the text, I have added the sentence, as follows: "with potential health effects on mankind, actually very debated in the scientific community".

2. (Pag. 1 Lines 8-10) in the text, I have deleted the sentence from lines 8 to 10.

3. (Pag. 1 Line 8) in the text, I have deleted the statement "concealed threat"

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7. (Pag.1 Line 8) the data are released by Dalberg Advisors within the WWF Report 2019.

8. (Pag. 1 Lines 9-11) in the text, I have added the sentence, as follows: "Today, the knowledge about the possible interactions of microplastics in the biotic system is unclear and, until now, big efforts are required to state their effects on human health."

(Pag. 1 Lines 28-30) in the text, I have added the sentence, as follows: "However, the real effects of microplastics on marine biota and on human health are still unclear and big efforts are required to really assess the consequences of microplastics on human health [6,7]."

9. (Pag. 1 Line 24) in the text, I have deleted the word "leakage".

10. (Pag. 2 Line 34) You are perfectly wright. The reference [7] is for marine litter.

11. (Pag. 2 Line 35) The reference [8] is for marine litter.

12. (Pag. 2 Lines 37-39) in the text, the sentence from lines 37 to 39, with its reference [12] has been deleted.

13. (Pag. 2 Lines 39-43) in the text, the sentence from lines 39 to 43, with their references [13,14], has been deleted.

14. (Pag. 2 Lines 39-43) in the text, Idem

15. (Pag. 2 Line 44) in the text, I have deleted the word "sub-microscopic".

16 (Pag. 2 Line 50) in the text, I have deleted the sentence from lines 46-49 and the relative Figure 2.

(Pag. 2 Line 50) in the text, I have added the statement, as follows: "until the last ones made by carnivores."

17. (Pag. 3 Line 52) You are right. In future, I will be very caution to avoid such promiscous views.

18. (Pag. 3 lines 69-72) in the text, I have added the sentence as follows: "It is suggested by European Union [15] to urge Mediterranean countries in undertaking all the financial, legal and administrative measures to establish a sound and sustainable waste management system for solving the problem of plastic pollution into the sea.