

WATER LOVER CHALLENGE (WLC)

Dates: September 20 to 30, 2025 **Project Manager:** Caroline Caillet **Project Ambassador:** Noam Yaron **Organizers:** Objectif Environnement Association & Summit Foundation

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The 4th edition of the Water Lover Challenge (WLC), organized by the **Objectif Environnement Association** and **Summit Foundation**, with the confirmed support of the Little Prince Swiss Foundation, will take place from **September 20 to 30, 2025** with the aim of breaking the record of **more than 1,000,000 cigarette butts in 10 days** around the world.

Context

For the 5th consecutive year, **Noam Yaron**, ambassador of the Water Lover Challenge, is carrying out a Sports for Nature challenge through which he aims to mobilize the population around a concrete and impactful action by participating in the WLC: **the large cigarette butts collection**. As the **ambassador** of the initiative, he has been able to strengthen the visibility and impact of the action, succeeding in engaging a large audience on each edition thanks to his growing community of **more than 550,000 followers** across all his social networks, as well as his excellent relations with the media and influential personalities.

Targets

The action aims to empower and raise awareness among a wide range of participants, including:

- Schools: teachers and students;
- Companies and their employees;
- Key Opinion leaders, influencers and public figures;
- Citizens: whether they are smokers or not;
- All generations: children, parents, grandparents, etc.;
- Cities and municipalities as well as their road services in order to promote their daily commitment;
 - The goal for this 4th edition is to collaborate with cities in Switzerland, France, and Monaco to organize citizen-led collections from September 20 to 30. Participants can join at a set date, time, and location to create an united impact (see below Water Lover Challenge Tour)

Terms of participation

Participating is simple: participants equip themselves with gloves or tongs to safely pick up cigarette butts, as well as empty recycled PET bottles. They fill these bottles with cigarette butts between September 20 and 30, 2025 and record their collections via a form on www.waterlover.org (which will be upgraded in April 2025), accompanied by a photo to validate their action. Collections can take place in various locations: schoolyards, cities, forests, in the mountains, by lakes, ... everywhere around the world! At the end of the challenge, a draw among the participants allows a few lucky people to win prestigious prizes offered by the partners (previous editions: Marriott International vouchers and Moleskine Little Prince boxes).

Practical information

No need to count, since a 0.5L bottle = 250 cigarette butts / A 1L bottle = 500 cigarette butts / ...

The devastating impact of cigarette butts for the environment

Since its inception, the Water Lover Challenge has been dedicated to raising awareness and combating the environmental threat posed by cigarette butts. According to the WHO, approximately **4,500 billion** cigarette butts end up in **Nature** every year, taking up to **12 years to decompose** and contaminating **up to 1,000 liters of water per butt.**

Loaded with over **5,000 chemicals**, including **150 highly toxic substances**, these small but harmful waste products severely **impact soils**, **rivers**, **oceans**, **ecosystems**, and so, **human health**. Addressing this issue is crucial to protecting both the environment and public well-being.

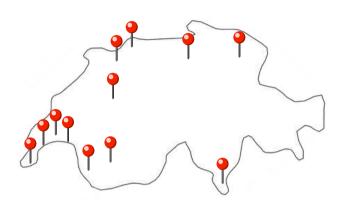
Any questions?

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WATER LOVER CHALLENGE TOUR

The initiative aims to engage cities, municipalities, and towns to organize cigarette butt collection drives, fostering local action and citizen involvement. Below is an example of cities that have been contacted to host the event. Dates of the 4th edition: September 20 to 30, 2025

EXAMPLES OF LOCATIONS ACROSS SWITZERLAND THAT COULD HOST COLLECTIONS AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED



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EXAMPLES OF LOCATIONS ACROSS FRANCE AND CORSICA THAT COULD HOST COLLECTIONS AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED

BORDEAUX LYON MARSEILLE NANTES NICE PARIS TOURS AJACCIO BASTIA CALVI



EXAMPLE OF A LOCATION IN MONACO THAT COULD HOST A COLLECTION AND HAS ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED



MONTE-CARLO

THE BIG RECAP: WLC 2024



CIGARETTE BUTTS COLLECTED



LITERS OF WATER PRESERVED FROM POLLUTION



EQUIVALENT WATER VOLUME IN OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOLS



PARTICIPANTS



AWARENESS-RAISED AUDIENCE ON SOCIAL NETWORKS



MEDIA IMPRESSIONS ESTIMATION



25
MUNICIPALITIES





BUSINESSES



NGO'S



RECORD OF PARTICIPANTS
IN ONE COLLECTION



RECORD OF CIGARETTE BUTTS
COLLECTED IN A DAY

BEST COUNTRIES



SWITZERLAND



FRANCE



AUSTRIA



BELGIUM



CANADA



CONGO



PARTICIPATION OF 14 COUNTRIES



MONACO



CAMEROON



MOROCCO



SPAIN

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ITALY



TUNISIA

GERMANY

THE AWARDS

BEST COMPANIES



UBS: 72'198



MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL: 37'350

BEST SCHOOLS



BASADINGEN (TG), SWITZERLAND: 12,750



DOMDIDIER (FR), SWITZERLAND: 12,750

FAVORITES



VOLKETSWIL (ZH), SWITZERLAND: 11,000



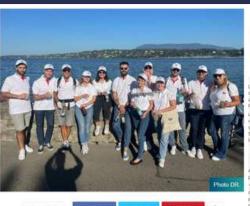
ECO-CITIZEN (GE), SWITZERLAND: 10,000

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Lutter contre le fléau que représente les mégots de cigarette. C'est le défi que s'est laucé Noam Yaron pour tenter dépolluer les espaces publiques.

Le Water Lover Challenge revient pour sa troisième édition du 20 au 30



Water Lover Challenge | La grande collecte de mégots | Du 20 au 30 septembre 2024

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collectés. L'événement est ouvert à tous : jeunes, moins jeunes, employés d'entreprises ou encore acteurs politiques. Le processus est simple ; il suffit de se munir de dants ou d'une pince et d'une bouteille vide, de préférence recyclée. pour ramasser les mégots en toute sécurité. Une fois la collecte effectuée, les participants sont invités à prendre une photo de leurs bouteilles remplies et à la poster sur le site internet officiel du Water Lovers Challenge.





undonires. Nals une autre grande collecte débute aussi judiquir au Soptientine, ces le <u>Nalet (o</u> roisième édition, organisée par l'Association sulaise Objectif Environnement et la furrenir Leur cible est uniquement les mégots de cigarettes avec l'objectif d'en ramaiser un million.

Un mégot met dix ans à disparaître dans la nature

PROTÉGEONS NOS EAUX, RAMASSONS LES MÉGOTS!



PRÈS D'UN DEMI-MILLION DE MÉGOTS RAMASSÉS







Rubrique. Le chiffre de la semaine : 1

7 V 6 2 4

de la semaine

NICE

La Côte



UN MILLION DE MÉGOTS COLLECTÉS



Plus d'un million de mégots collectés au Water Lover Challenge 2024





(SIMONE)

1 000 992 MÉGOTS

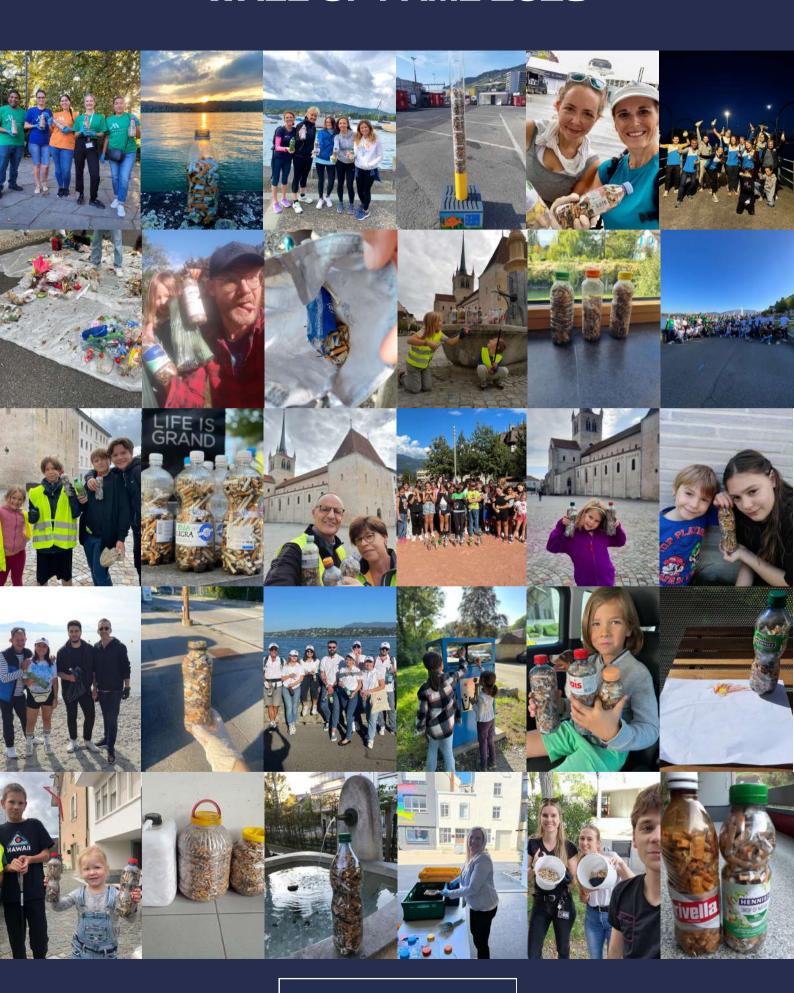
ONT ÉTÉ RAMASSÉS EN 10 JOURS DANS LE MONDE À L'OCCASION DU WATER LOVE CHALLENGE.

Source: Water Love Challenge

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Cleanup Day

Grande action de ramassage de déchets sauvages le 16 septembre - Commune de Prangins: 8h30 à 12h00 Bâtiment de la Voirie

Commune de Céligny :
 10h à 12h Place des Grands-Chênes

10h à 12h Place des Grands-Chênes Ramasser les déchets sauvages le long des routes de la commune avec exposition des déchets récoltés pour sensibiliser la population. Apéritir à midi offert aux participants par la



Water Love Challenge

L'association Objectif Environnement L'association Oujeun Limited et son parrain Noam Yaron souhaitent réitérer leur action et l'impact sur la augmenter l'impact su préservation des eaux suisses.

Soyez nombreux du 21 au 30 septembre dans la région à récolter les mégots.

Objectif 1'000'000 de mégats en 10

Rachat de vos grands vins







Monthey participe à l'opération Water Lover sans mégoter

Récolter des mégats pendant dix jours pour éviter la pollution de nos eaux, c'est le Water Lover Challenge. Monthey s'associe à l'opération.

Menthey (Commune)





Un mégot de cigarette pollue jusqu'à 1000 litres d'eau. Pour enrayer ce type de pollution, le Water Lover Challenge a été lancé en Suisse dans le but de protéger la qualité des eaux de nos lacs.



de cigarette en dix jours.

Monthey invite sa population à ramasser des mégots de cigarette

pendant 10 jours

RADIO CHABLAIS



LOISIRS | 13

«Je préfère sensibiliser plutôt que dénoncer»





Water Lover Challenge

L'association Objectif Environnement et sen parrain Noam Yaron lancent un doff à la population: récolter 1'00''00' de mégots en 10 jours afin de préserver les eaux suisses. Une action alow à soutenir sans modération!





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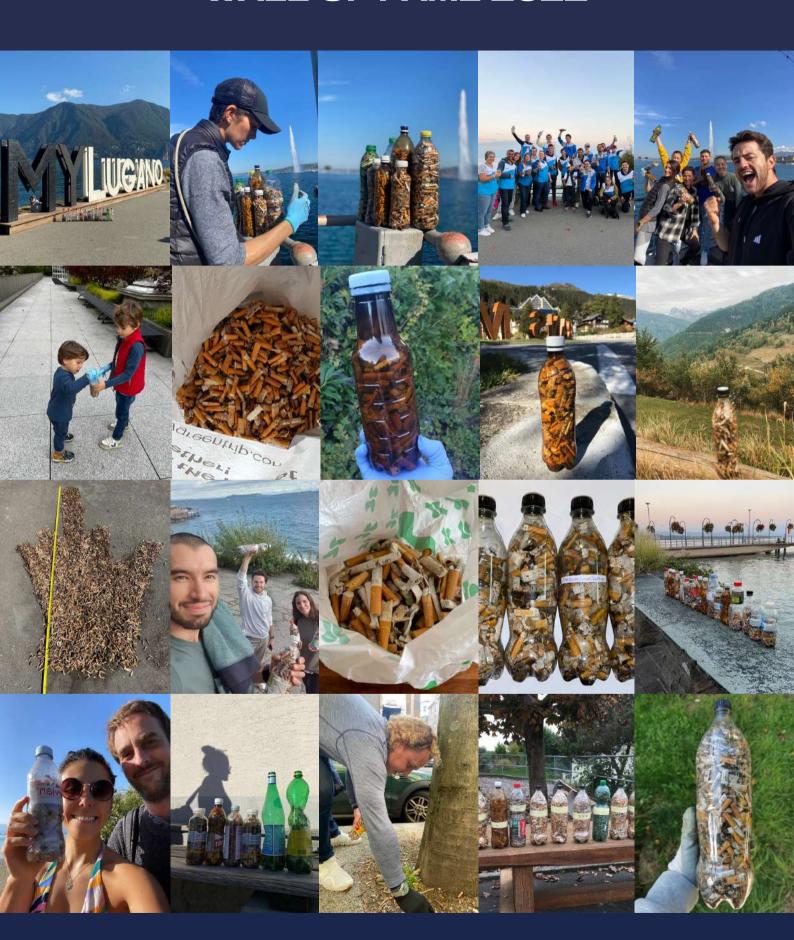
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