

The World of Beaching

What happens to ships at end of life? They need to be recycled. The vast majority of the world's end-of-life fleet, full of toxic substances, is simply broken down - by hand - on the beaches of South Asia. There, unscrupulous shipping companies exploit minimal enforcement of environmental and safety rules to maximise profits.

In 2018, 518 out of 744 end-of-life ships were scrapped on the shores of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. Ship owners from Asia, Europe and North America top the list of dumpers that sell vessels for dirty and dangerous breaking.

