

AFFALD - GENBRUG WASTE - RECYCLING

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Affald - genbrug

I min barndom var det almindelig praksis, at usorteret affald blev kørt til lossepladsen – et hul i jorden, ofte en udtjent grusgrav. Her blev der jævnligt sat ild til de mange stoffer og kemikalier, og en sort røg lagde sig ud over markerne som et stille, men giftigt vidnesbyrd om vores omgang med det, vi ikke længere ville have.

I dag har vi stadig ikke fået styr på affaldet. Der er alt for meget af det, og sorteringen halter fortsat. Kun en begrænset del finder vej til reel genbrug. Producenter og forretninger vælter sig i emballage, og mange varer er stadig fyldt med kemikalier, som forskerne for længst har advaret os imod.

Jeg er af den opfattelse, at manglen på et rent miljø i sidste ende bunder i en fejlslagen kultur. Det er ikke et teknisk problem, men et problem, der sidder i selve vores forestilling

om mennesket og dets samspil med naturen omkring os. Det er dér, det slår fejl.

Jeg kunne forestille mig en fremtid, hvor vi var stolte af vores affald. En fremtid, hvor det ikke længere skulle gemmes væk under køkkenbordet eller i sorte spande, før skraldevognen henter det. Vi burde kunne bringe os selv i en position, hvor vi ønsker at vise vores affald frem – ingen sorte spande, ingen sorte plastposer. Lad os få gennemsigtige spande foran vores huse. *”Her er mit affald! Se, hvor smukt det er! Og nu er det på vej til genbrug. Åh, hvor er det en dejlig fornemmelse.”*

Ugens fotoserie er fra Frederikshavn, august 2026. Her ligger store olieproduktionsskibe og venter på skrotning. Kun metallerne bliver tilbage, og alt sælges til genbrug – til nye skibe og andre produkter.

Waste - Recycling

In my childhood, it was common practice for unsorted waste to be taken to the land-fill—a hole in the ground, often a disused gravel pit. Here, the many materials and chemicals were regularly set on fire, and black smoke would drift across the fields as a quiet but toxic testimony to how we dealt with the things we no longer wanted.

Today, we still have not got waste under control. There is far too much of it, and sorting still leaves much to be desired. Only a limited portion finds its way into genuine recycling. Producers and retailers are drowning in packaging, and many products are still filled with chemicals that scientists warned us about long ago.

I believe the lack of a clean environment ultimately stems from a failed culture. It is not a technical problem, but a problem rooted in our very conception of humanity and its

relationship with the nature around us. That is where things go wrong.

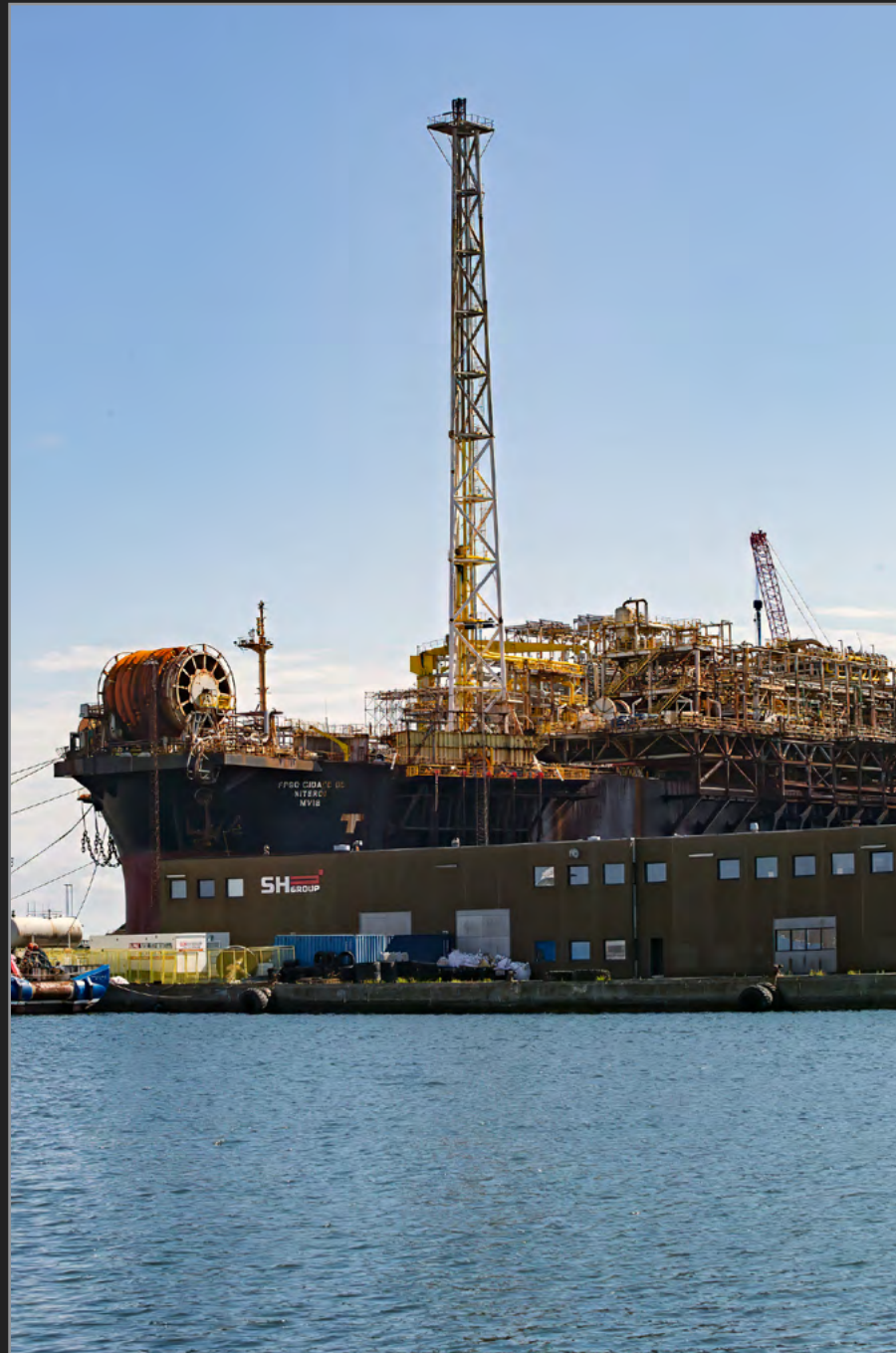
I can imagine a future in which we are proud of our waste. A future where it no longer must be hidden away under the kitchen sink or in black bins before the garbage truck comes to collect it. We should be able to put ourselves in a position where we want to display our waste—no black bins, no black plastic bags. Let us have transparent bins in front of our houses. *“Here is my waste! Look how beautiful it is! And now it is on its way to be recycled. Oh, what a wonderful feeling.”*

This week’s photo series is from Frederikshavn, August 2026. Here, large oil-production vessels are lying in wait to be scrapped. Only the metals remain, and everything is sold for recycling—to become new ships and other products.



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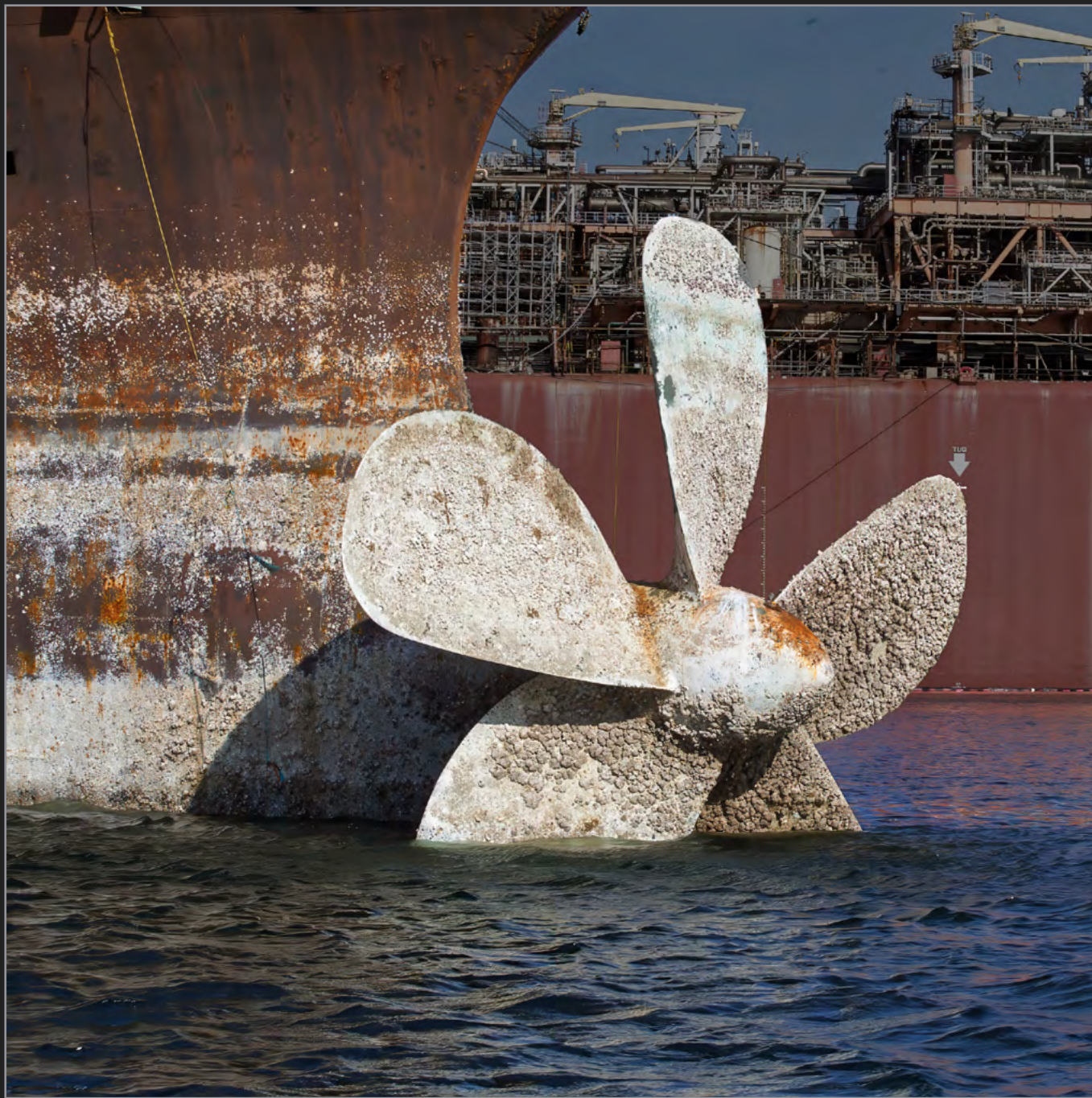
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