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Caption: “Ding” Darling’s fourth film of the season

### **‘Ding’ film investigates the global battle over sand**

The investigative documentary film “Sand Wars” continues the fourth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on Feb. 17, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

The fight for one of the most consumed natural resources on the planet has been termed the “new gold rush.” Sand is a component in objects we see and use every day – from computer chips to wine. With increased development and three-quarters of the world’s beaches in decline, the question of the renewability of the resource looms.

This 75-minute film asks the question: Can the existing supply of sand satisfy gigantic demands fueled by construction booms? Based on encounters with sand smugglers, barefoot millionaires, corrupt politicians, unscrupulous real estate developers, and environmental advocates, this global investigation comes to the conclusion that the Sand Wars have begun.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free eight-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season’s remaining scheduled films. All showings begin at 2:30 p.m. For full descriptions of the films, please visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/films](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/films).

Feb. 17: *Sand Wars*

March 2: *Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch*

March 16: *Crash: The Tale of Two Species*

March 30: *The End of the Line: Where Have All the Fish Gone?*

April 13: *Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?*

## ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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