


PLASTIC POLLUTION IN THE OCEAN



Plastic is having a harmful effect

On animals and ecosystems around the globe

Over 1,000 turtles die annually from ingesting ocean plastic each year

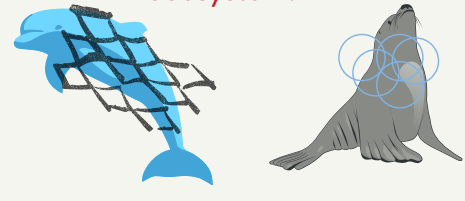
<https://oceanblueproject.org/sea-turtle-facts/>



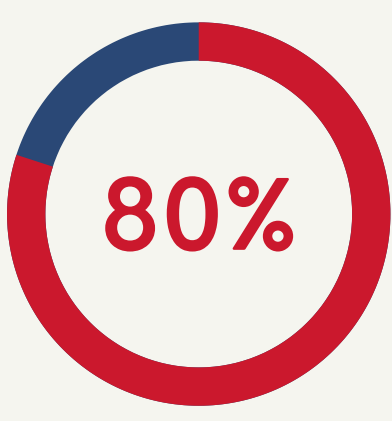
“ Scientists estimate that over 90 percent of all seabirds will have ingested plastic by 2050. ”

<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/act-for-the-ocean/plastic-pollution/the-challenge>

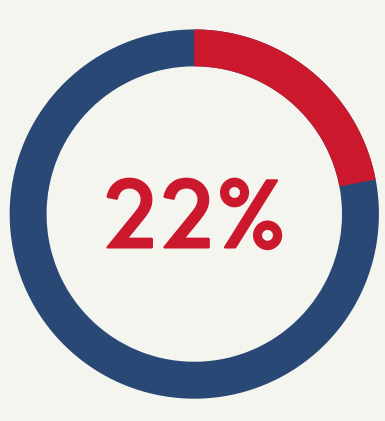
The appearance or odor of plastic can fool sea animals into thinking that plastic is edible. Harmful chemicals in the plastic can also be released into the seawater affecting the entire ecosystem.



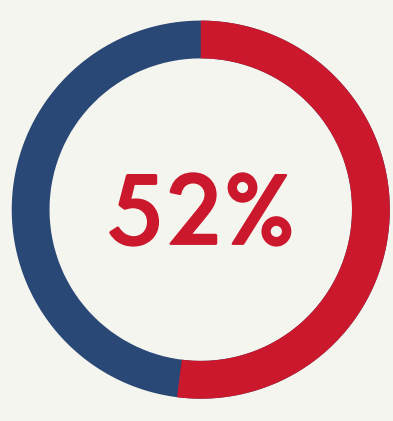
Sea lions, dolphins, whales, and sea birds are all examples of ocean animals that can become entangled in plastic items such as six-pack rings, plastic bags, or abandoned fishnets. This affects their ability to feed and swim.



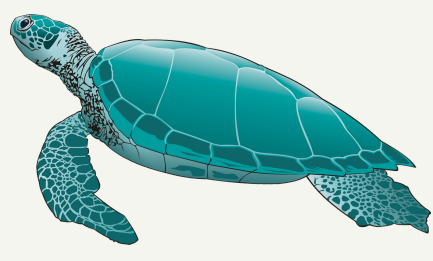
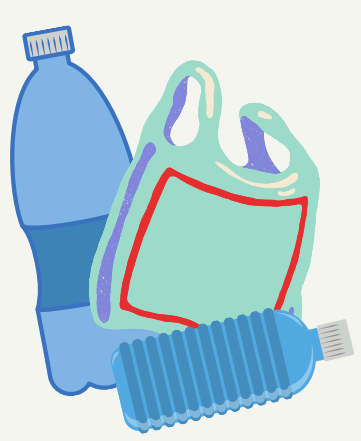
Percentage of marine debris that is plastic.



Chance of a turtle dying after consuming a piece of plastic.



Percentage of sea turtles with plastic inside them.



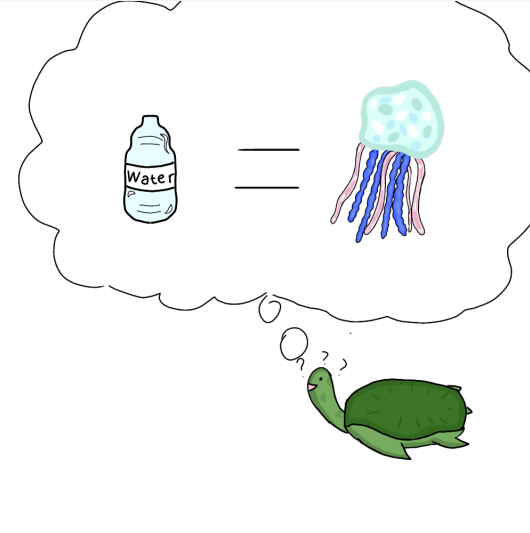
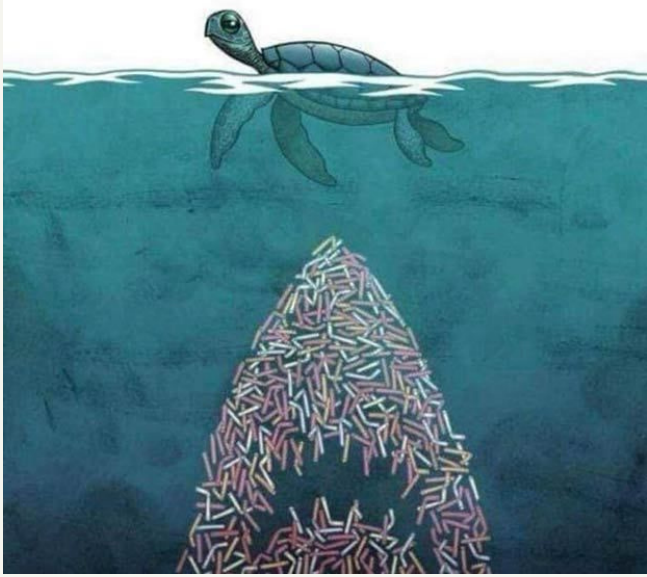
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**Plastic kills.
You can make a change.**

STRAWS



How can you make a change?

1. Recycle properly.



2. Reduce plastic use.



3. Participate in cleanups.



4. Stay informed and spread the word.



Please do your part!