

# Marine Pollution Facts



Every day ships throughout the world jettison 5.5 million items of waste into the sea.



Three times as much rubbish is dumped into the world's oceans annually as the weight of fish caught.



2 million tones of plastic is produced in the UK alone every year, and it is estimated that only 3% of it is recycled.



To date, approx. 74,000 tonnes of the toxic chemicals PCB's have been released into the world's oceans.



Fishing debris, as a percentage of total marine debris found, is higher in Tasmania than anywhere else in the world.



## What YOU can do!



**Reduce** the amount of plastics at home by using your own carry bag for shopping and buying less products contained in plastic.



**Re-use** plastic containers, bags and glass jars instead of throwing them away.



**Recycle** properly by stacking paper and cardboard, cleaning plastic and glass containers and removing their lids.



**Be Aware** of everything that goes down your sink..... it drains to the ocean! Do not pour oil or paints down any drain and use detergents which are **biodegradable** and have **no phosphates**.



**Be Responsible** by making sure your litter and butts go into the bin, not the ground or drains, and by picking up rubbish from your beaches and parks.



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