

PLASTIC POLLUTION BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

WHAT IS MARINE DEBRIS?



PLASTIC PRODUCTION

- PLASTIC WAS FIRST PRODUCED COMMERCIALY IN THE EARLY 1950s
- SINCE THEN, PLASTIC PRODUCTION HAS GROWN
- NOW, WE PRODUCE MORE THAN 380 MILLION TONNES EACH YEAR





PLASTIC USES

PLASTIC ENTERING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT



PLASTIC IN THE OCEAN



SOURCES OF MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION



**MISMANAGED
PLASTIC WASTE
(LITTER)**

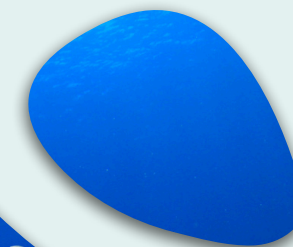
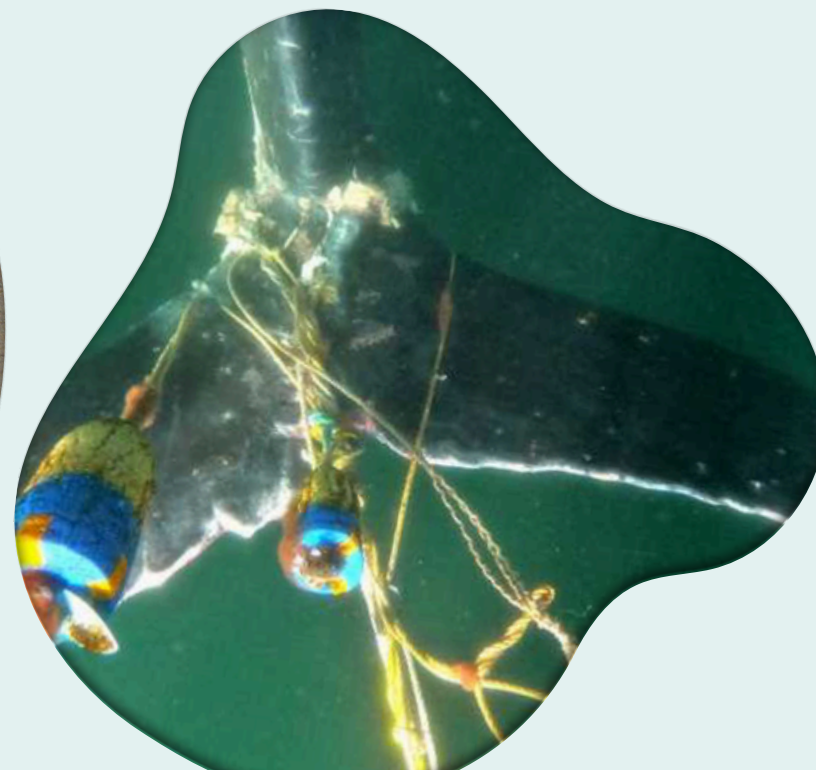


**SEA-BASED PLASTIC
DEBRIS**



MICROPLASTICS

PLASTICS AND MARINE LIFE



PLASTIC POLLUTION IN AUSTRALIA



ALL THIS PLASTIC
WAS FOUND ON
AUSTRALIAN
BEACHES



NORTHEAST ARNHEM LAND



MARINE DEBRIS ON THE COAST



RECYCLING



REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

ALTERNATIVES



RESEARCH



SOLUTIONS

EDUCATION



DISCUSSION POINTS

WHAT BEACHES HAVE YOU SEEN
PLASTIC?

HAS ANYONE EVER HELPED OR WANTS TO
HELP WITH A BEACH CLEAN?

PRACTICAL

**COMPLETE THE WORKSHEET ABOUT
PLASTIC POLLUTION**