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We throw a lot away. One study found that 8.8 million tons of [plastic pollution](#) end up in the ocean every year, and so it's not uncommon to find marine animals that are entangled in plastic or other types of trash. Read on to find out how all this garbage affects [sea turtles](#), [sea birds](#), and [fish](#), then get [tips to reduce your plastic waste](#).



IN II

SPECIES OF ANIMALS ARE SEVERELY THREATENED BECAUSE OF OCEAN WASTE.

A BY-THE-NUMBERS LOOK AT HOW MARINE ANIMALS ARE IMPACTED BY OCEAN TRASH

22 MILLION
TONS (20 MILLION MT) OF CARBON DIOXIDE IS ABSORBED BY THE OCEAN EACH DAY BECAUSE OF TRASH.

10%
OF ALL DEAD ANIMALS FOUND IN BEACH CLEANUPS WORLDWIDE WERE ENTANGLED IN PLASTIC BAGS.

443
ANIMALS AND BIRDS WERE FOUND TRAPPED BY MARINE DEBRIS DURING A RECENT INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP.

5 TRILLION
PIECES OF PLASTIC (NOT INCLUDING MICROBEADS) ARE FLOATING IN THE WORLD'S SEAS.



90%
OF SEABIRDS EAT PLASTIC TRASH.

20%
OF FISH FOUND DURING ONE EXPEDITION HAD PLASTIC IN THEIR STOMACHS.

52%
OF SEA TURTLES WORLDWIDE HAVE ACCIDENTALLY EATEN PLASTIC TRASH IN THE