

DID YOU KNOW...

Marine life
can become
entangled and killed
in ghost nets, plastic
bands, and other
types of debris?



Worldwide,
more than **200**
species are impacted
by debris entanglement.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Heavy marine debris,
such as derelict
fishing gear, can
crush sensitive
habitats?

In the
Hawaiian Islands,
lost fishing gear
has damaged and
destroyed coral
reefs.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Animals can
mistakenly eat
marine debris?



Plastic bags are the
most common type of
marine debris eaten
by sea turtles.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Garbage patches exist
in ocean gyres all over
the world?

The background is a vibrant blue gradient with a pattern of small, colorful dots in shades of purple, teal, and yellow. Scattered throughout are various icons: a baseball bat, a pair of sunglasses, a sneaker, a water bottle, a barrel, a fishing net, a jellyfish, and a school of orange fish. The text is overlaid on this background.

These areas
of concentrated
marine debris are
mostly made
of tiny microplastics
swirling through the
ocean's water
column.

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**TRASH
DOESN'T
BELONG HERE.**



YOU CAN HELP.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP!

GET INVOLVED and participate in local cleanups in your area.

REMEMBER that our land and sea are connected.

DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY no matter where you are.

REDUCE the amount of waste you produce.

REUSE items when you can. Choose reusable items over disposable ones.

RECYCLE as much as possible! Bottles, cans, cell phones, ink cartridges, and many other items can be recycled.

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