

Water needs to be preserved as biome for animals, but plastic waste is polluting the water.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF ISSUE

Yearly, about 8 million tons of plastic waste get into the ocean. This plastic can harm animals in multiple ways. Sometimes animals get tangled in the plastic, making them unable to swim or breathe properly. Then, some animals will ingest the plastic, thinking that it's food. The plastic is then accumulated in the animal, because it has no way of excreting it, and the animal will die. Plastic can also release toxins that can harm animals. This situation is a threat for humans too, since a lot of seafood is contaminated with plastic. When people consume the seafood, they also ingest the plastic themselves.

SOURCES

<https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/plastics-in-the-ocean/>

<http://plastic-pollution.org/>