



Plastic Pollution

The ocean is massive and home to one million of the Earth's species. However, the ocean is susceptible to human impact. Tons of plastic ends up in the ocean each year. This plastic comes from garbage of human waste that ends up in the ocean.

The problem with the majority of plastic items that we use everyday is that they are single use. That means that once we use the items we then toss them away. Some examples of single-use plastics include: grocery bags, water bottles, plastic packaging, and food wrappers. Single- use plastic makes up 40 percent of all plastic trash.

Plastic pollution can cause a lot of problems for the species living in the ocean. Plastic contains toxic chemicals that can be harmful to animals when they accidentally eat them. Animals can also get entangled in plastic nets and man-made equipment.

What can you do to help?

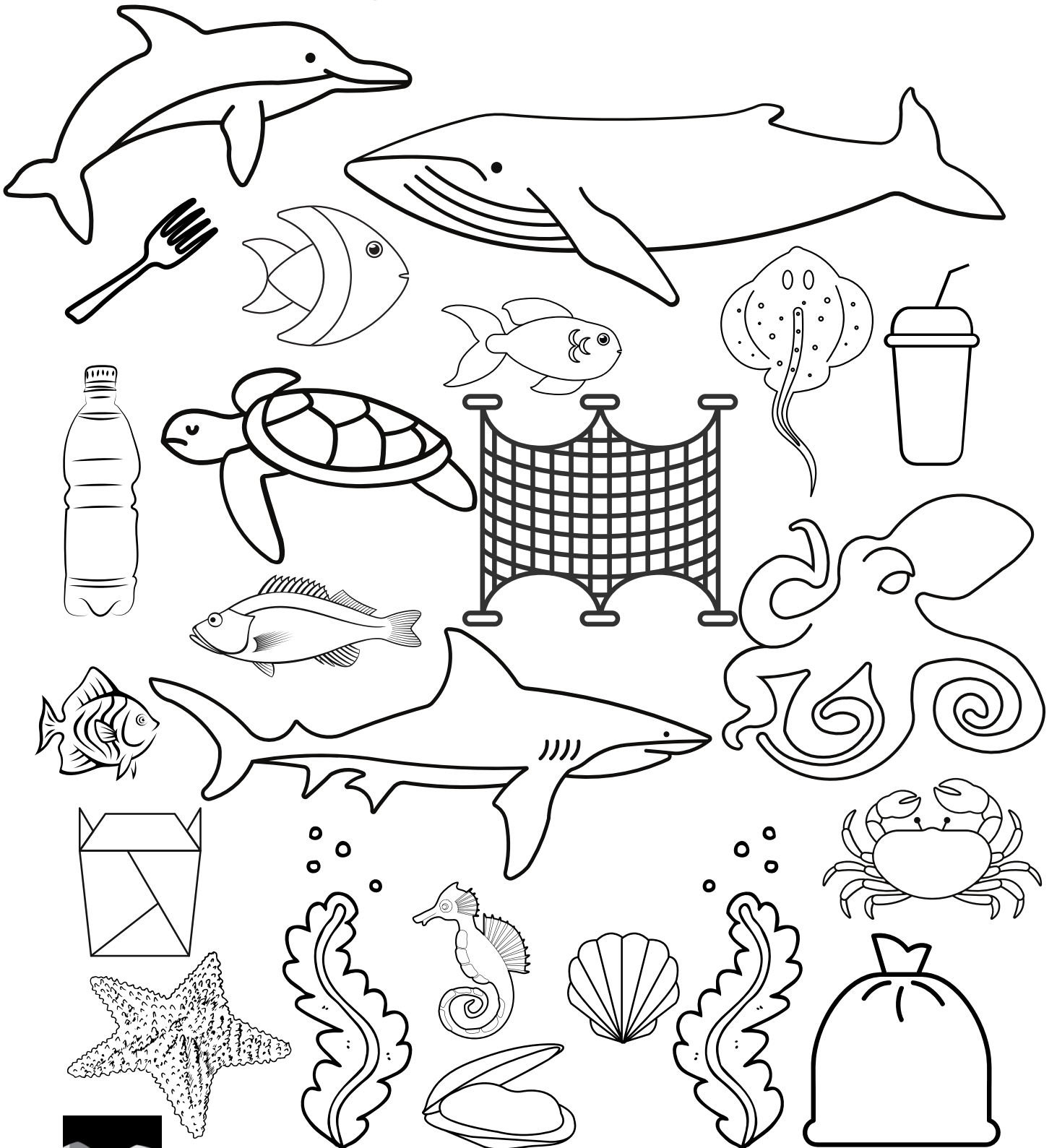
- 1.Reduce your use of single use plastics that end up in landfills or the environment.
2. Recycle all plastics that can be recycled.
3. Participate in beach cleanups
- 4.Educate others about the damage that plastic pollution can have on the ocean.



Source: National Geographic

The Ocean

Only color the things that belong in the ocean! Put an "X" through all of the plastic pollution!



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