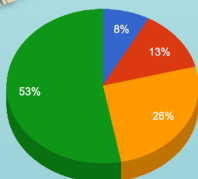
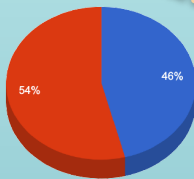


WHAT DOES OCEAN PLASTIC CONSIST OF?

THE PLASTIC IN THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH IS MADE OF:



● Microplastics
● Mesoplastics
● Macroplastics
● Megaplastics



● Fishing Nets
● Other Plastic

HOW CAN WE HELP?

CUT DOWN ON YOUR FISH INTAKE

If you slowly start cutting down on your fish intake, you no longer contribute to the over 500,000 tons of fishing gear polluted each year, and you save hundreds of thousands of animals from bycatch.



SWITCH TO REUSABLE PRODUCTS

By using reusable products, we can tremendously decrease the plastic that ends up in the ocean.

WHY SHOULD WE HELP?



1. BY 2050, THERE WILL BE MORE PLASTIC THAN FISH IN THE SEA.



Scientists predict this will happen because of both overfishing and plastic pollution. Our future generations won't ever be able to view the natural beauties of the world.

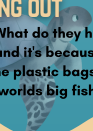
2. UP TO 70% OF THE WORLD'S OXYGEN COMES FROM THE SEA.

Oxygen levels are diminishing. Why? Because most fishing methods wipe out everything in its path. Including green, rich, oxygen-producing plants at the bottom of the sea. That is only half of the story. Industrial factories producing plastic emit CO2 and methane, and the dirty plastic in our ocean is already starting to contaminate the air we breathe.



3. ANIMALS ARE DYING OUT

Hammerhead sharks. Leatherback sea turtles. Sea otters. What do they have in common? They are all endangered. Life in the ocean is dwindling down fast, and it's because of fishing and plastic. Hundreds of thousands of sea turtles die each year from the plastic bags we pollute, over 30,000 sharks die every hour because of fishing, and 90% of the world's big fish are gone due to both.



VOCAB

Great Pacific Garbage Patch - The biggest patch of garbage on earth

Microplastics - Extremely small pieces of plastic debris

Mesoplastics - Large pieces of plastic debris (about 2.5 cm)

Macroplastics - Large pieces of plastic (Greater than 1 m)

Megaplastics - Huge pieces of plastic (Greater than 5 m)

Bycatch - Unwanted Marine creatures caught during fishing (Sharks, turtles, dolphins)