



### Lesson Summary

Pollution is flooding into the ocean each day, from toxic waste to plastic and industrial fishing gear. Creating a toxic hazard for marine wildlife. In this lesson we discuss the issues of pollution, how it ends up in the ocean and the impact on marine wildlife.

From this lesson students will:

- Learn about ocean pollution and how various sorts of pollution end up in the ocean.
- Understand how pollution impacts marine wildlife.
- Discuss ways to help stop ocean pollution.



### Learning activities

These activities are designed to enhance and expand on the key learnings from the Polluting the Ocean lesson. They can be used as part of the Lesson or assigned as research or projects.

#### Learning Activity 1 - What do you take?

Think about a place you go to - the beach, park, playgrounds.

- What do you take with you?
- What do you leave behind?
- What wildlife lives in this area?
- Do you think wildlife would eat your rubbish?
- How could the rubbish you leave behind end up in the ocean?



### Learning Activity 2 - What doesn't belong in the ocean?

Can you guess which of these items doesn't belong in the ocean?



**Answer: Straws, plastic bag, plastic bottles, cigarette butts and fishing net.**



# POLLUTING THE OCEAN

## LESSON ACTIVITY SHEET

TEACHERS RESOURCES: JUNIOR SCHOOL (Age 5-8)



### Learning Activity 3 - Trash monster

Trash ending up in the ocean is really bad for marine animals, causing all kinds of problems. Marine animals can mistake trash for food, but they should be scared of trash, because it can kill them.

Draw or create your own trash monster to scare marine wildlife away from it.

Use the shapes of plastic straws, bags, bottle, balloons, anything you see everyday that is made from plastic.

- Give your trash monster a name.
- What is your trash monster made of?
- Why should marine wildlife be scared of your trash monster?
- How can you stop your trash monster harming marine wildlife?

### YOUR FEEDBACK

We value your feedback and would be pleased to hear your thoughts about this lesson and activities. Any comments, suggestions or requests for further information can be sent to [education@seashepherdglobal.org](mailto:education@seashepherdglobal.org).