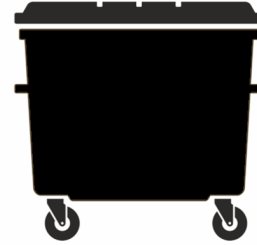


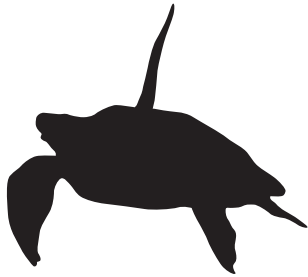
Plastic water bottles take 400 years to degrade. We only use them for a few minutes, but they could stay in the sea for centuries!



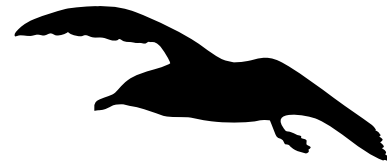
For every square kilometre of Britain's seabed there will be 358 items of litter, and 80% of those will be made of plastic.



Marine animals often mistake plastic for food. To sea turtles, plastic bags look like their favourite food – jellyfish.



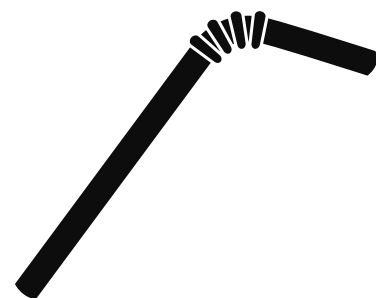
Tiny pieces of plastic called microplastics are often eaten by seagulls and other birds. By 2050, 99% of seabirds will have eaten microplastics.



Worldwide, one million plastic bottles are used every minute. 91% of them are not recycled!



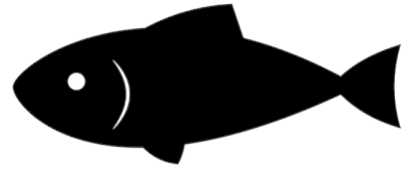
In the UK we throw away an estimated 42 billion plastic straws every year. That's 640 per person.



Tiny pieces of microplastic are found in three quarters of mussels on British beaches.



We're producing more plastic than ever before. By 2050 there could be more plastic than fish in the sea.



At least 8 million tons of plastic goes into the oceans every year. That's the same as a rubbish truck-full every minute.



Every year 300,000 dolphins and porpoises get tangled up in plastic fishing nets that have been thrown away.



Plastic pollution is really bad for our precious coral reefs. Coral is 20 times more likely to become diseased if it comes into contact with plastic.



There are five huge islands of plastic floating on the world's oceans. One in the Pacific Ocean is five times bigger than the UK!

