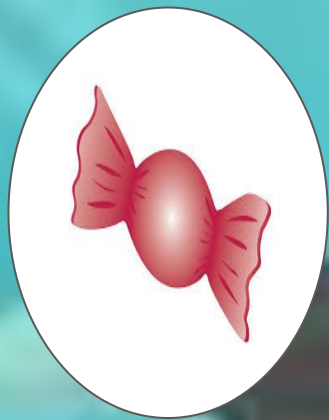


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How to help



Cigarette Butts
2,412,151



Food wrappers
1,739,743



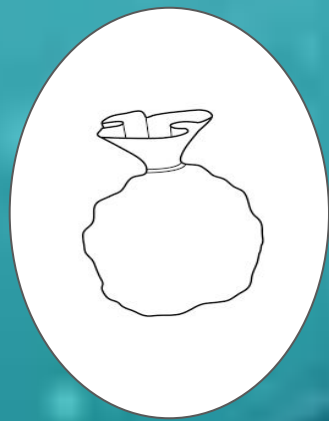
Plastic Bottles
1,569,135



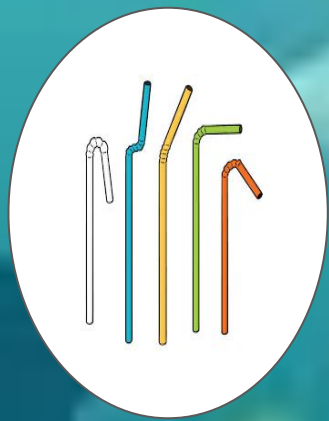
Plastic Bottle Caps
1,091,107



Plastic Grocery Bags
757,523



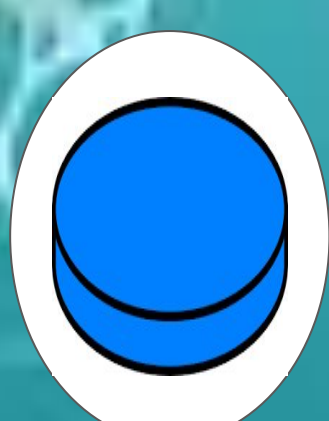
Other Plastic Bags
746,211



Straws & Stirrers
643,562



Plastic Takeout Food Containers
632,874



Plastic Beverage Lids
624,878

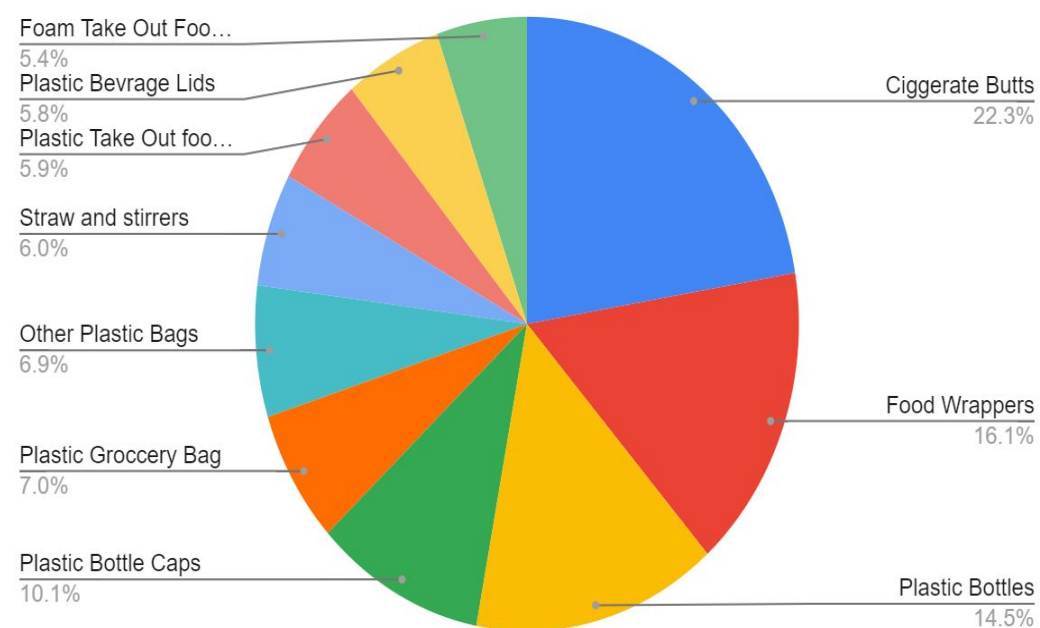


Foam take out containers
580,570

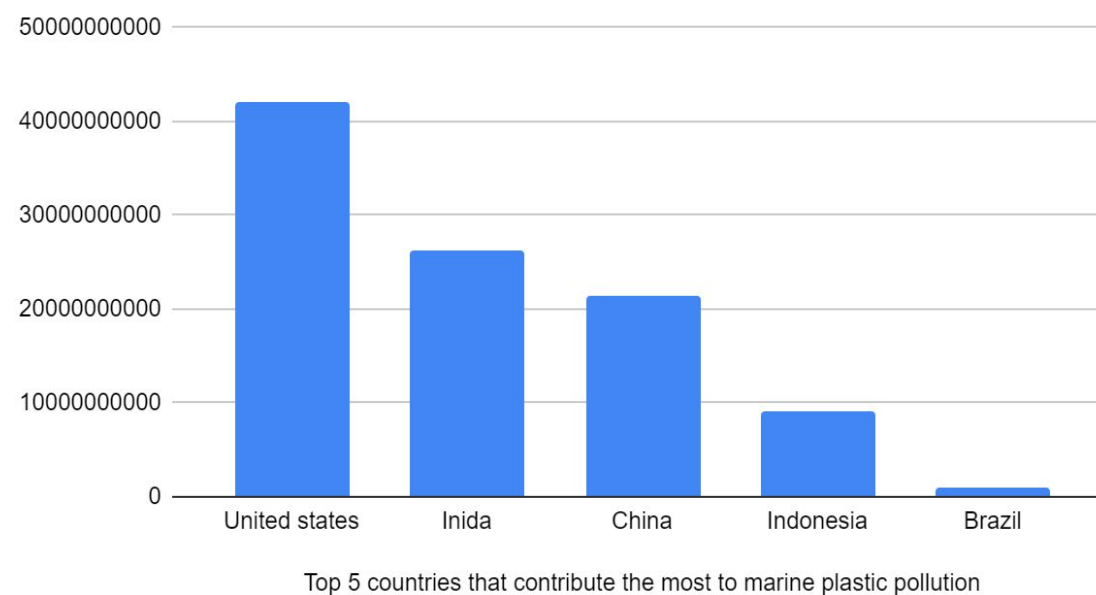
- Reducing use of single use plastics
- Recycle properly
- Participate or organize a beach cleanup
- Use reusable objects like refillable water bottles
- Bring reusable bags when shopping instead of purchasing plastic bags
- Say NO to plastic straws
- Avoid Microbeads
- Choose clothes from sustainable or recyclable resources
- Say NO to plastic cutlery
- Compost
- Use bamboo toothbrushes

There are many ways to help but the most important is to **SPREAD THE WORD**. Many people don't know they are causing harm to the environment. Educating will help spread awareness and the movement.

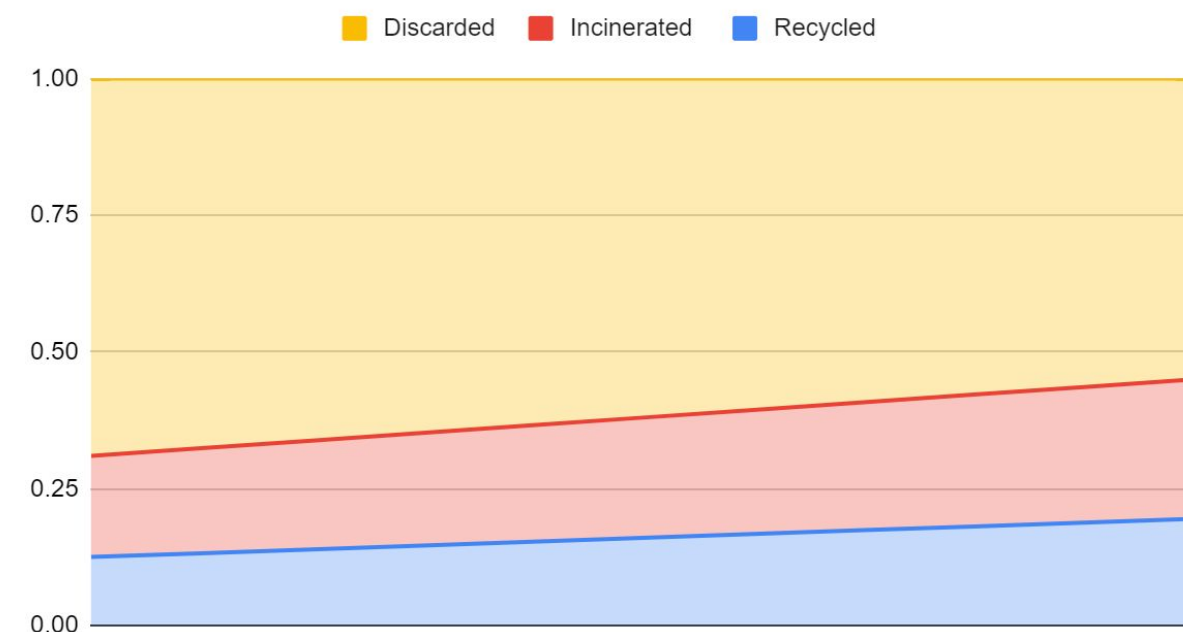
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Top 5 countries that contribute the most to marine plastic pollution



Plastics recycled, incinerated or discarded, since 2005 to 2015



Summary

When I started this infographic project I knew there was a lot of pollution and trash going into our ocean. Now finishing this project I'm disgusted. The number of everyday items being found in our ocean, killing wildlife that we use to make everyday goods or to eat is humiliating. Knowing that 1 in 3 marine mammal species get entangled yearly is pathetic. In the past 10 years, we have created more plastic than we ever have in the past decade, by 2050 if we keep producing plastic at the same pace the population of fish will be outnumbered by our dumped plastic in the ocean. Home of the Spurs, Texas is an enormous state, Texas approximately has 268,597 square miles of land and is the second-largest state in America. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch which is the largest trash site on earth is twice the size of Texas and is floating around our ocean right now. A call for action is something that everyone needs to participate in. We need to save the beach and the sea by any means. We are slowly killing the earth and ocean. We are ruining the future of all generations after us, and making their living conditions miserable.

I know that a lot of people like seafood or eating marine animals. But overfishing is a problem, fisheries are leaving their fishing nets causing animals to become caught. 46 percent of the Great Pacific Garbage patch is made of fishing nets. This massive garbage patch is 617,763 square miles and contains 8 trillion bits of plastic and weighs over 80,000 tonnes. This disgusting creation by mankind is floating between my home state California and Hawaii. What makes this worse, is that our wildlife feeds in these grounds. We are killing animals without meaning to and we need to learn that plastic will kill or make life harder for marine life.

Plastic pollution has affected almost all of our marine wildlife. It has affected 100 percent of our marine turtles, 59 percent of our whales, 36 percent of our seals, and 40 percent of seabirds. Over 1 million seabirds and 100,00 marine mammals are killed by ocean plastics every year. Nearly 700 marine species are near extinction due to plastic pollution. 1 in 3 marine animals are being found tangled in plastic. Plastic is also killing marine homes, coral reefs are homes to more than 25 percent of marine life and are being killed by plastic. If a coral reef encounters plastic its death rate raises from 4 percent to 89 percent.