## If nothing is done, in 2025 there will be one kg of plastic per three kg of fish in the oceans.

Marine animals get tangled with plastic litter, and litter items may block animal's alimentary canal. Plastic litter also contains harmful substances.

Plastic litter ends up in marine animals

Plastic litter ends up inside sea birds and marine mammals either unintentionally or by animal's search for nutrition.





Large pieces of plastic litter fractionate into smaller pieces of such a size class that they are able to enter planktonic animals.

## Most typical causes of death

- Litter items block the alimentary canal.
  Animal starves to death or suffocates.
- 2. Animal gets tangled to litter, loses its ability to swim or fly, and starves to death or gets caught.
- 3. Sharp plastic litter ruptures the alimentary canal.

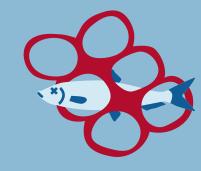
Globally, plastic litter causes the death of **1000 000** sea birds and **100 000** marine mammals every year.

## **GHOST NETS**

Abandoned or discarded fishing nets that keep on catching fish for years to come.



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