

THREATS to our MARINE ECOSYSTEM



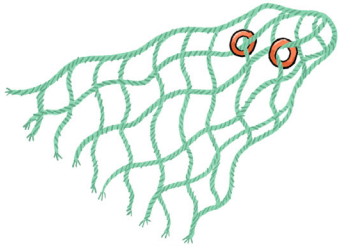
There are some dangers that impact all marine species.

Taking action to reduce these threats will make a big difference to us!

FISHING

We rely on the ocean for fish, but the supply isn't limitless. Over-fishing takes food away from marine species, as well as reducing the food supply for Pacific communities.

Fishing also puts our marine species in danger of being caught on hooks or in nets, and drowned. Abandoned fishing gear, or "ghost nets", are a danger to all marine species.



Now THAT'S spooky!

CLIMATE CHANGE

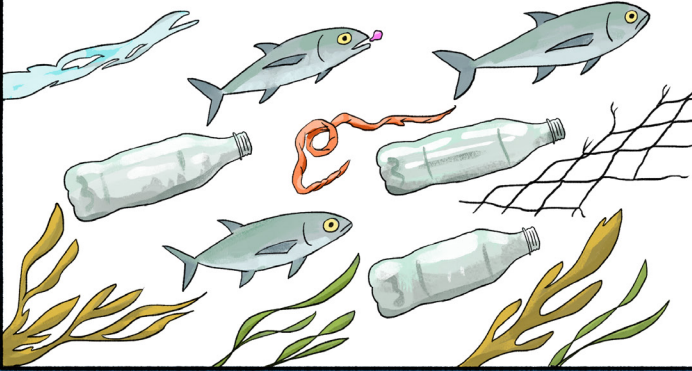
Climate change is warming up the ocean, which is making it hard for some marine species to live where they normally do, and also making it harder for them to find food.

Climate change makes storms stronger and more frequent, which damages coastal habitats. Rising sea levels are flooding coastal areas, further reducing the size of these important habitats that seabirds and turtles rely on.



PLASTIC POLLUTION

Many marine species can mistake plastic rubbish (from land and from fishing vessels) for food, eating it can cause injury, starvation and death.



COASTAL DEVELOPMENT

The changes we make on land can have major impacts on the ocean. Coastal development, logging and agriculture is reducing habitat for some species and also damaging lagoons and reefs with sediment runoff.

