

Fishy Fun Sheet: Match Up the Mess - Matching

Region

North Coast, Gascoyne Coast, West Coast, South Coast, Indian Ocean Territories

Summary

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Marine debris is the name given to rubbish that finds its way into our oceans and coastal environment. Marine debris is found in all the world's oceans and is having a devastating effect on a range of marine species. Marine animals can easily become tangled in discarded fishing nets or accidentally eat plastic bags leading to starvation. Unfortunately, a range of rubbish items can be found in our oceans.

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Sharp metal fishing equipment that can get caught on marine animals and injure them.



Fishing equipment made of ropes that should not be thrown away at sea as marine animals can get tangled inside.



Metal containers sometimes thrown into the ocean that can take up to 80 years to break down.



Small items made of hard plastic which marine animals accidentally eat. One of the most collected items of marine debris in the 2017 Clean Up Australia IOT Marine Debris Project.



See-through bags that take up to 20 years to break down in the ocean which can suffocate a range of marine organisms.



Bottles made of plastic which can break into tiny pieces that fish and other marine animals mistake for food.

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