

Global Citizenship – Litter & Waste

Plastic



Plastic is bad for the environment because it does not break down easily.

200 years	6 weeks	2 months	10-20 years
			
ALUMINIUM CAN	NEWSPAPER	FRUIT CARDBOARD	PLASTIC BAG
3 months	600 years	1-5 years	2-5 months
			
COTTON T SHIRT	FISHING LINE	WOOLLEN SOCK	WAXED CARTON
450 years	2-4 weeks	50 years	1-3 years
			
NAPPY / DIAPER PLASTIC BOTTLE	PAPER TOWEL	TIN CAN FOAM CUP	PLYWOOD

Harm to Animals

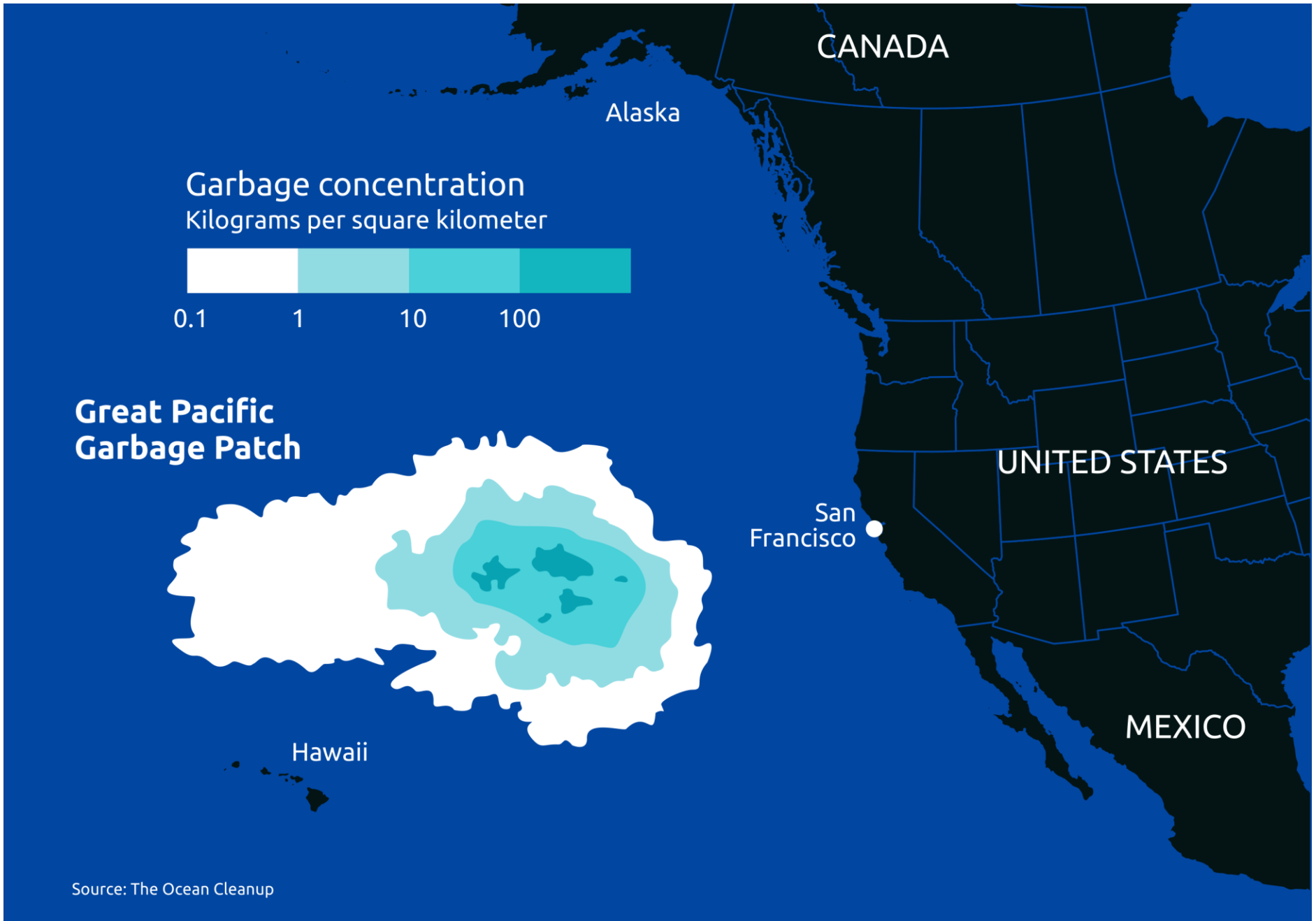
- Animals often eat plastic because they think it is food.
- Plastic can block their stomachs, making them sick or causing death.
- Sea animals like turtles, fish and birds are especially affected by this.



Pollution of Oceans

- Millions of tons of plastic end up in the oceans every year.
- Plastic waste forms huge floating areas like the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.
- Oceans look dirty and become unsafe for sea life.





Source: The Ocean Cleanup

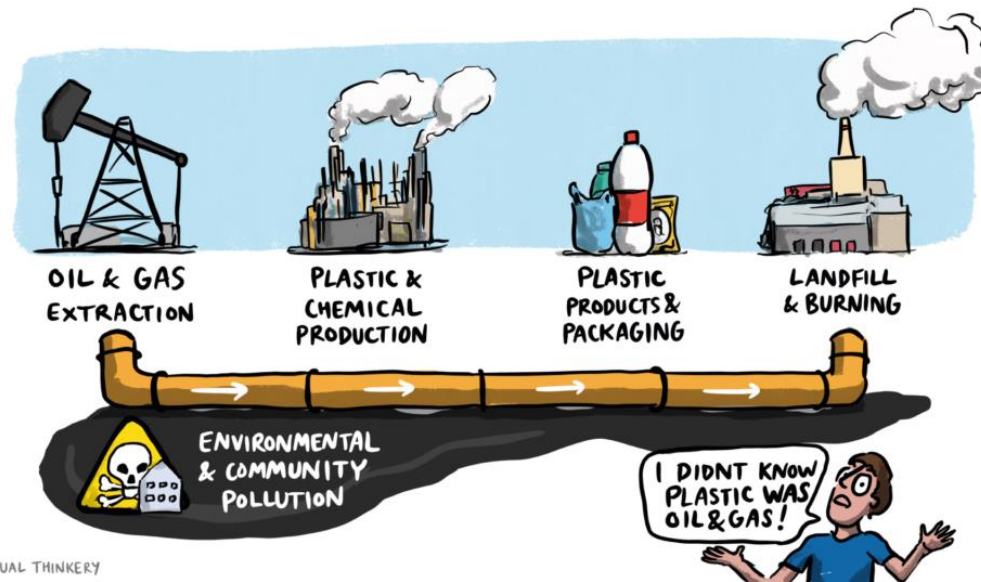
Damage to land

- Plastic makes places look ugly and dirty.
- Plastic can stop plants from growing properly.
- Harmful chemicals from plastic can get into the soil.



Climate Change

- Making plastic uses oil and gas which releases harmful gases into the air.
- When plastic is burned, it releases gases that pollute the air and add to global warming.



Micro plastics everywhere

- Plastic breaks into tiny pieces called microplastics.
- These tiny pieces are found in water, food, air and even inside people.
- Micro plastics can be harmful to both animals and humans.



How can we help?

- Use cloth or paper bags instead of plastic bags.
- Avoid single use plastics like straws and cups.
- Reuse and recycle plastic.
- Make sure to put litter in the right bin.





Deposit Return Points





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