



OCEAN HEALTH IN OUR HANDS | VOCABULARY

<i>pollution</i>	introducing harmful substances into the environment
<i>photodegrade</i>	breaking down of materials by light
<i>microplastics</i>	extremely small pieces of plastic debris in the environment resulting from the disposal and breakdown of consumer products and industrial waste
<i>bioaccumulation</i>	the accumulation of a substance such as plastic in various tissues of a living organism
<i>gyre</i>	a ringlike system of ocean currents rotating clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and counterclockwise in the Southern Hemisphere
<i>single-use plastic</i>	plastic materials that are disposable and generally used only once before they are thrown away
<i>biodegrade</i>	materials that are capable to break down by living things
<i>ocean</i>	a large body of water that is home to a variety of different animals
<i>current</i>	a part of water that is consistently moving in a certain direction

