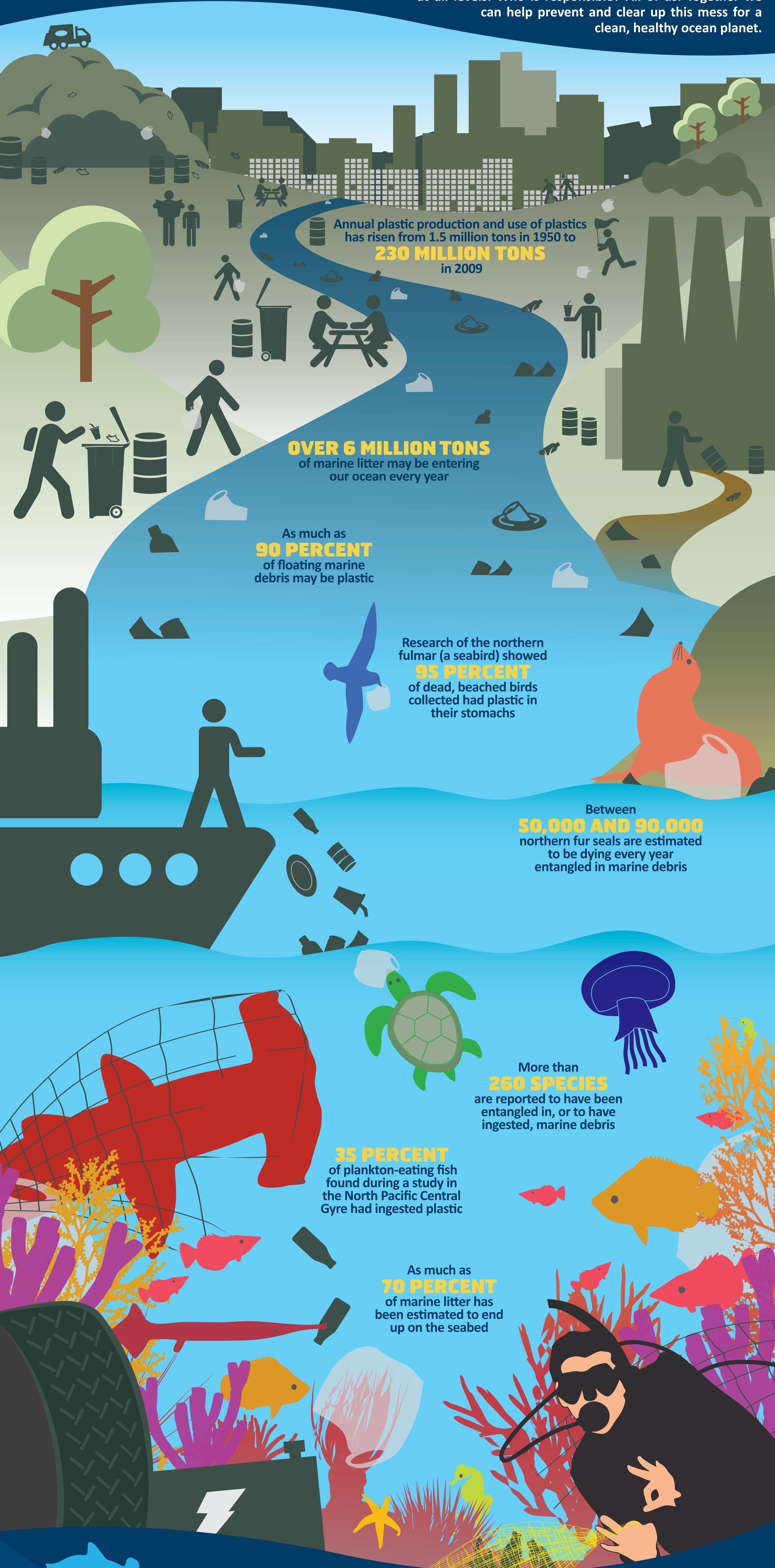


THE UGLY JOURNEY OF OUR TRASH

Marine debris is the rubbish of our everyday lives that makes its way into our ocean. Rubbish travels over land, down streams, rivers and storm drains to the ocean. Once in the ocean, it can drift thousands of miles from its origin to the most remote ocean places, leaving a wake of destruction in its path. Every year, debris kills thousands of marine animals and sea birds, chokes coral reefs and smothers critical environments. It also contaminates our beaches and favorite recreation sites. Better information about sources and impacts is extremely important to drive changes in infrastructure and waste management policies at all levels. Who is responsible? All of us. Together we can help prevent and clear up this mess for a clean, healthy ocean planet.



Scuba divers are standing up to the onslaught of debris – fins on and off. We're removing debris underwater and logging the data to influence change at all levels. On land, we can work together to stop rubbish from entering the ocean. We can help inform community action and identify local solutions.

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