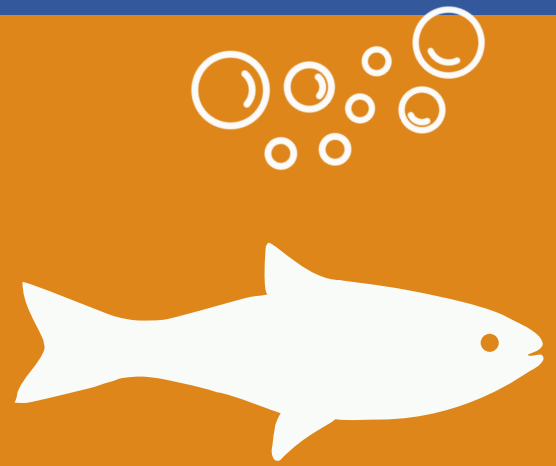


#14 LIFE BELOW WATER

WHAT DOES LIFE BELOW WATER MEAN?

Oceans all around the world are currently being threatened by serious issues such as **acidification**, **plastic/marine pollution**, and **ocean warming**. These do not only affect the animals in and around the ocean, but also have harmful impacts on key marine biodiversity areas and crucially important ecosystems that support oceanic health.



HOW DOES LIFE BELOW WATER CONNECT TO ANIMALS?

The issues above have adverse impacts on the health of marine life. **Acidification** causes coral bleaching which leads to dead reefs that are unable to perform their significant role in supporting the ocean, while also providing shelter and habitats for other species. **Ocean warming** creates similar issues to acidification and **plastic/marine pollution** causes problems including death of marine creatures from ingestion or getting stuck. That includes large marine creatures, microscopic ones, and even **birds get caught in marine pollution!**



WHAT YOU CAN DO!



- **Donate** to organizations working to protect the ocean
- **Properly dispose** of trash to ensure that your waste is not responsible for hurting marine life
- **Take/sign a pledge** to commit to making efforts to help conserve the ocean
- **Educate** yourself on current issues/solutions