

MAIN CAUSES OF MARINE POLLUTION

Waste water

Most of our waste ends up in the sea, **releasing particles that are harmful** to the animals that ingest them.

Industrial and agricultural effluents

Chemical products from factories, crops and farm **alter the pH of the oceans**, endangering the survival of flora and fauna.

Nuclear waste

Radiation caused by certain industries **contaminates kelp and plankton**, basic elements in many animals' diets.

Global warming

Rising water temperatures contribute to the **acidification of the oceans** and the deterioration of marine ecosystems.

Plastics and microplastics

Every year, **100,000 marine mammals** and one million water birds die as a result of confusing this waste with food.

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