**Plastic Pollutants in the Ocean**

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**ABSTRACT**

The rate of plastic pollution in our ocean has been increasing at an alarming rate. The world’s thirst for manufactured goods has led to massive amounts of plastic material being produced. Plastic litter will eventually make its way into our tributaries and be carried out into the open ocean. Garbage patches are huge marine landfills of drifting trash, mainly made up of plastic, and are held in place by the spiraling forces of the ocean’s gyres. Marine life is poised with a serious threat from plastic pollution. It can be fatal from both ingestion and entanglement, and can also alter native habitats of organisms. Humans risk economical and ecological harm from the growing threat to all marine life. Prevention, such as recycling and conservation, is the best solution at this point in time for the growing problem.

**SOLUTIONS**

Recycling and conservation are the two best ways to slow down the increasing amount of plastic in our oceans. An individual effort and responsibility to make sure recyclables end up in the recycling can have a major positive impact. Making an extra effort to produce less waste can also directly alter the growing amount of plastic debris. Unfortunately there is no magic cure to solve the problem of the massive amount of plastic waste in the ocean but we can at least stop adding to the problem (Fraser, 2008).

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