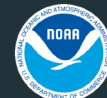


KEEP THE
SEAS
FREE OF DEBRIS

2017 Marine Debris Calendar

Featuring artwork from the
2016 "Keep the Sea Free of
Debris!" Art Contest winners



About this Calendar

This calendar features winning artwork from the 2016 “Keep the Sea Free of Debris” art contest. The NOAA Marine Debris Program received hundreds of great entries from students across the United States in kindergarten through 8th grade showing the impacts of marine debris on our ocean planet. The program evaluated submissions based on creativity, artistic presentation, relevance to theme, and how thoroughly the students answered the questions:

- How does marine debris impact the ocean and Great Lakes environment?
- What will you do to help?

Thank you to all students (and teachers) for participating in the 2016 art contest. Your support and enthusiasm reminds us of why we do what we do every day - work to keep our ocean and Great Lakes clean. The program hopes this calendar fuels your passion to protect our ocean and drives you to stay involved in finding solutions to prevent marine debris.

NOAA Marine Debris Program

The NOAA Marine Debris Program’s mission is to investigate and prevent the adverse impacts of marine debris. The program achieves this through coordinating regional marine debris efforts, leading research, and conducting outreach to local communities.

Cover Art Kathy R. (Grade 8, California)



“Marine debris kills the ocean’s inhabitants and makes the waters dangerous for living creatures. I try to help keep the waters clean by doing community service, cleaning the beach, and cleaning the roads. By cleaning the beaches and roads, it will hopefully bring down the amount of trash in the sea.”

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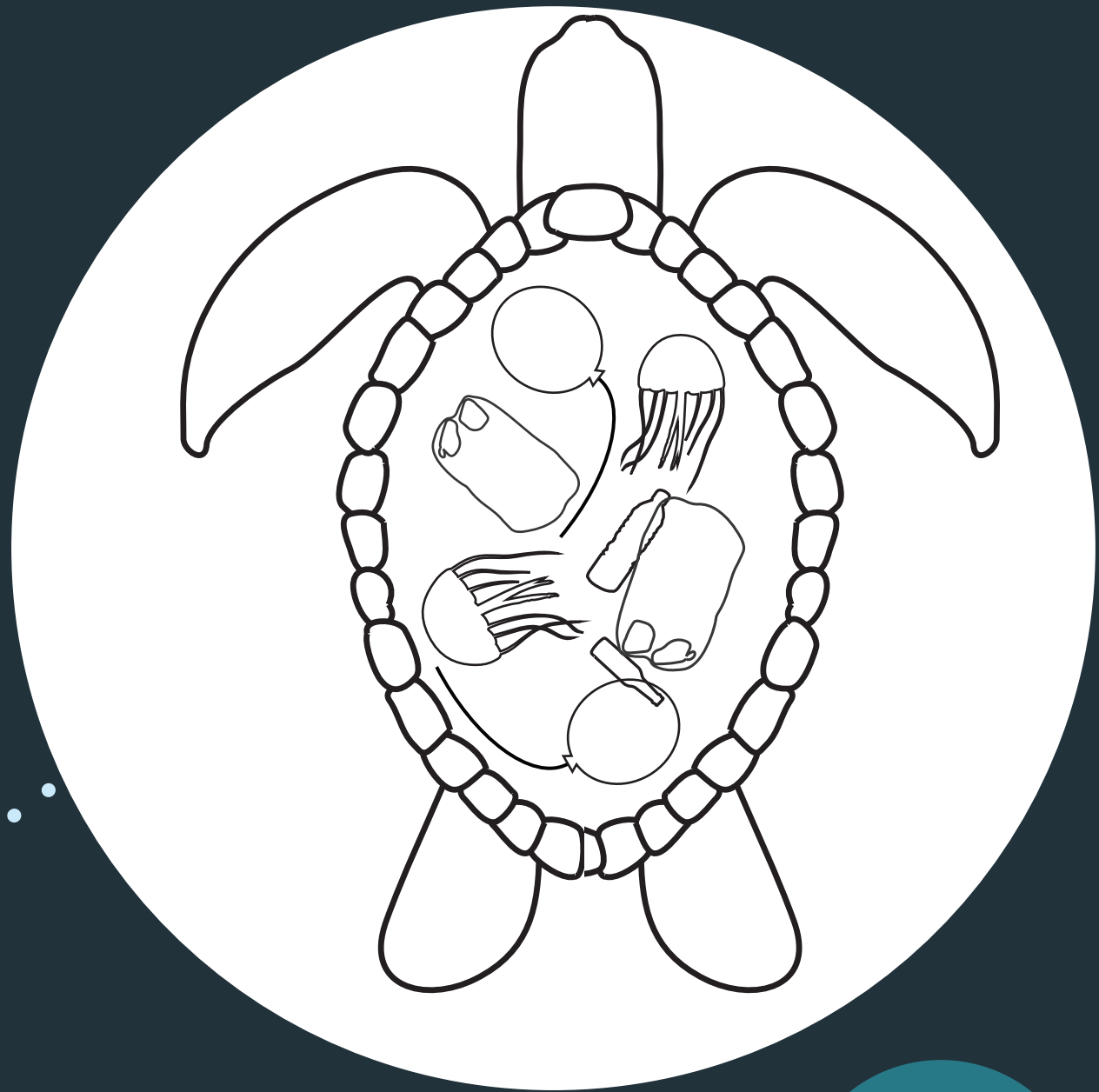
Coloring Activity

Many marine animals mistake trash for food. Turtles, for example, sometimes eat plastic bags and balloons because they look like jellyfish - a main diet source for many sea turtles.

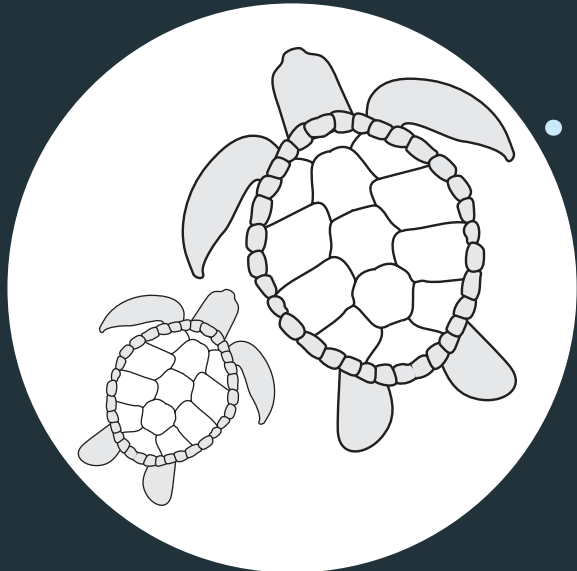
Instructions:

Count and color all the trash items in this turtle's stomach.

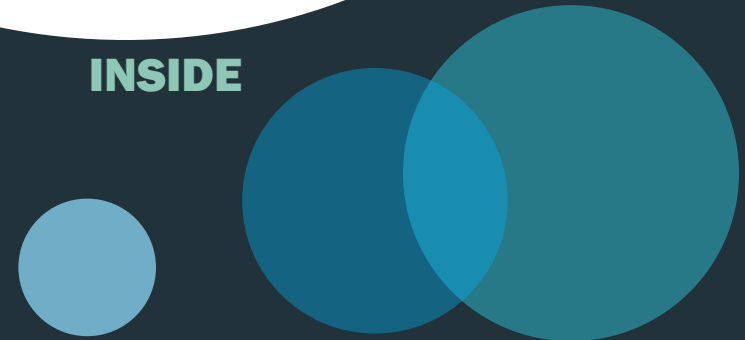
How many pieces of marine debris did you find?



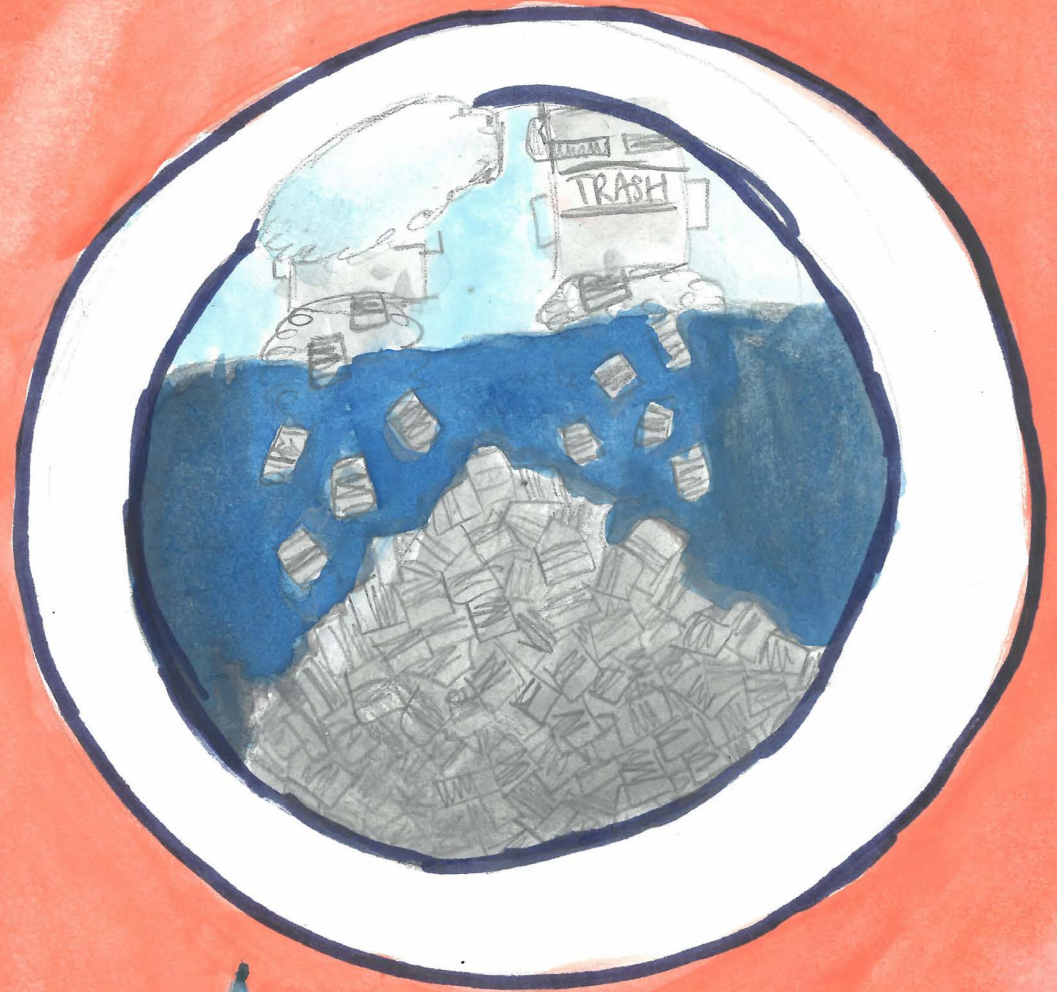
OUTSIDE



INSIDE



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Be Part of the Solution
Kind Ocean
Love Ocean





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12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
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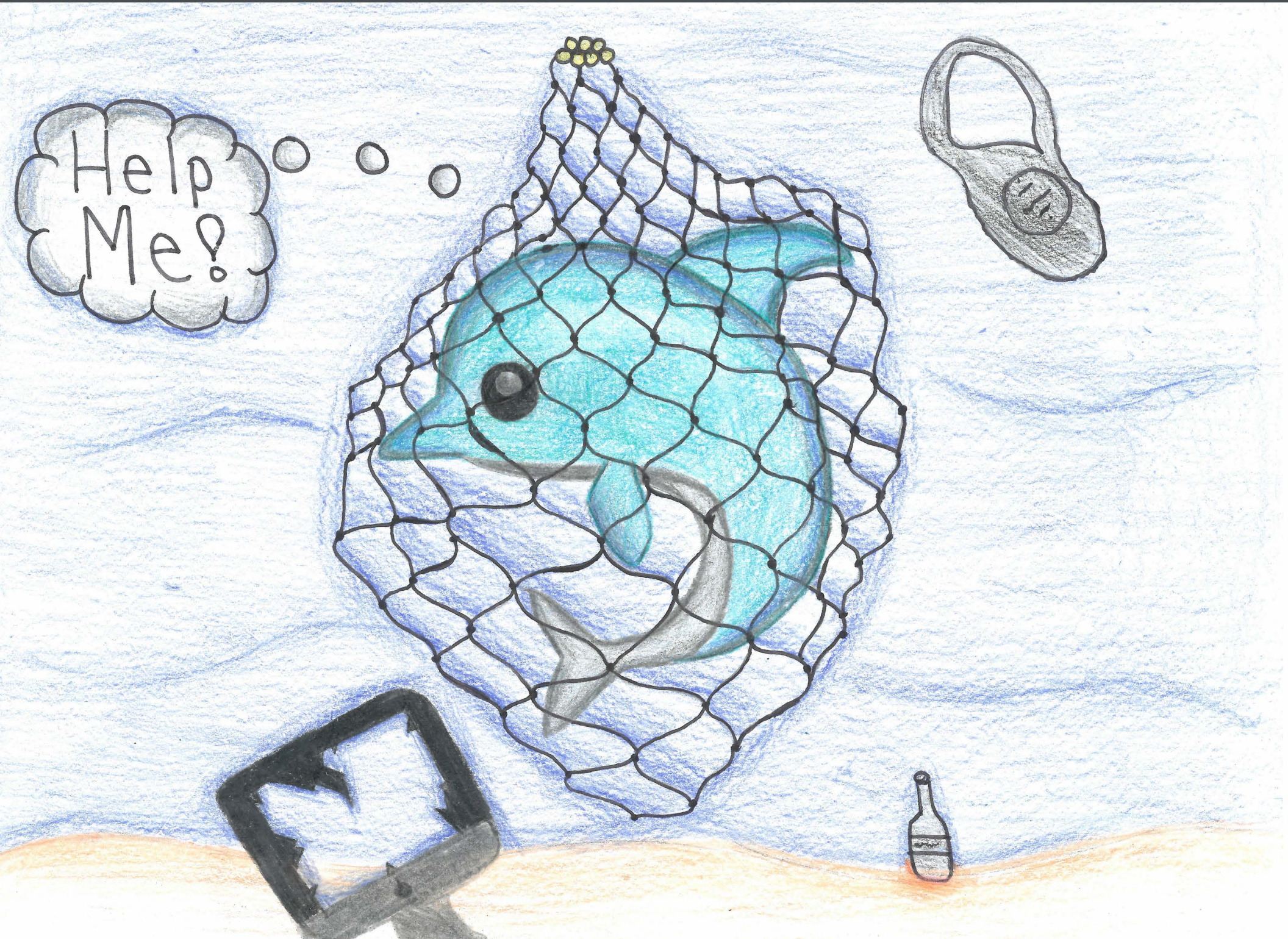
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By Sallie S. (Grade 7, Washington)





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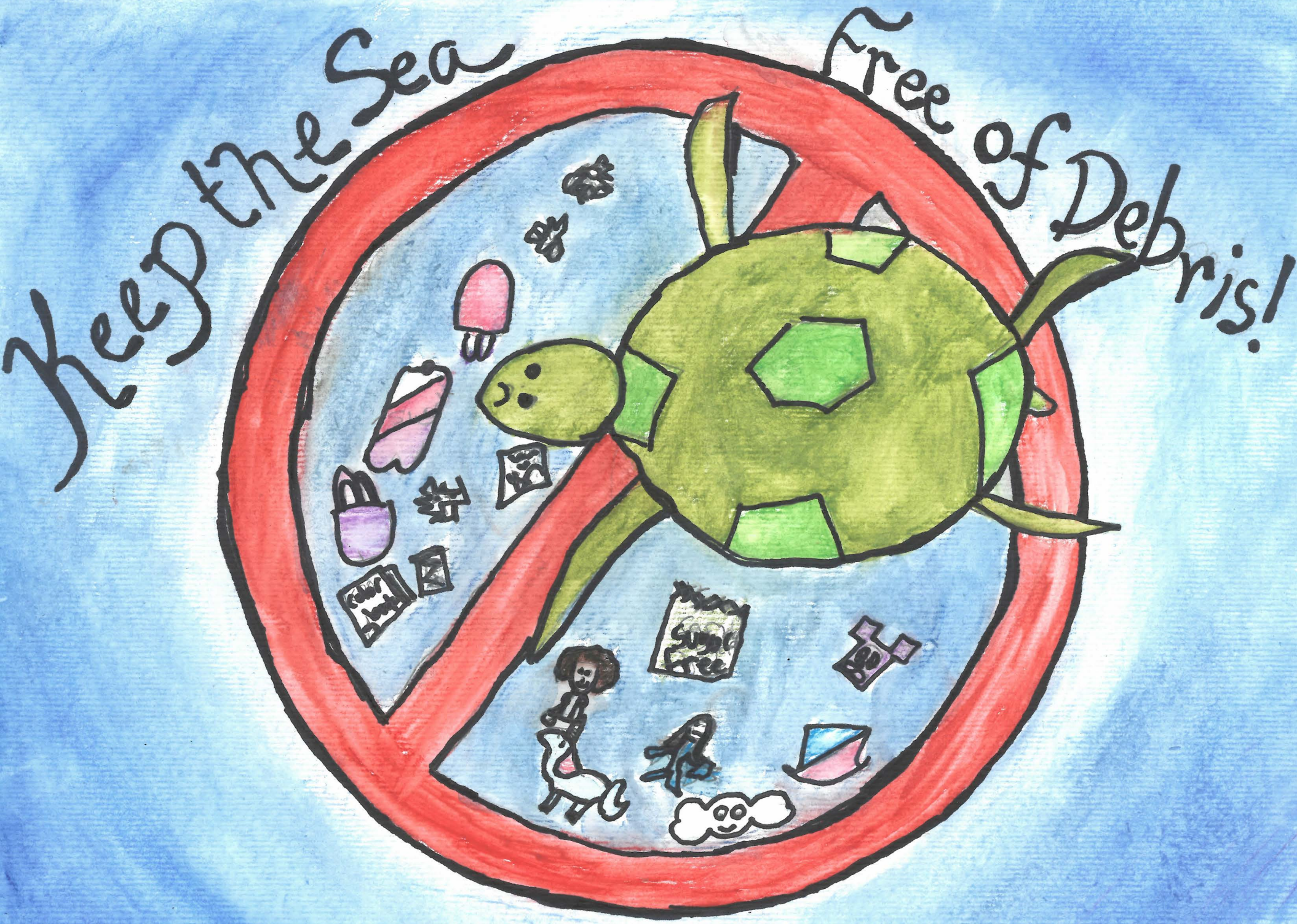
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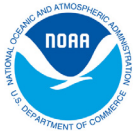
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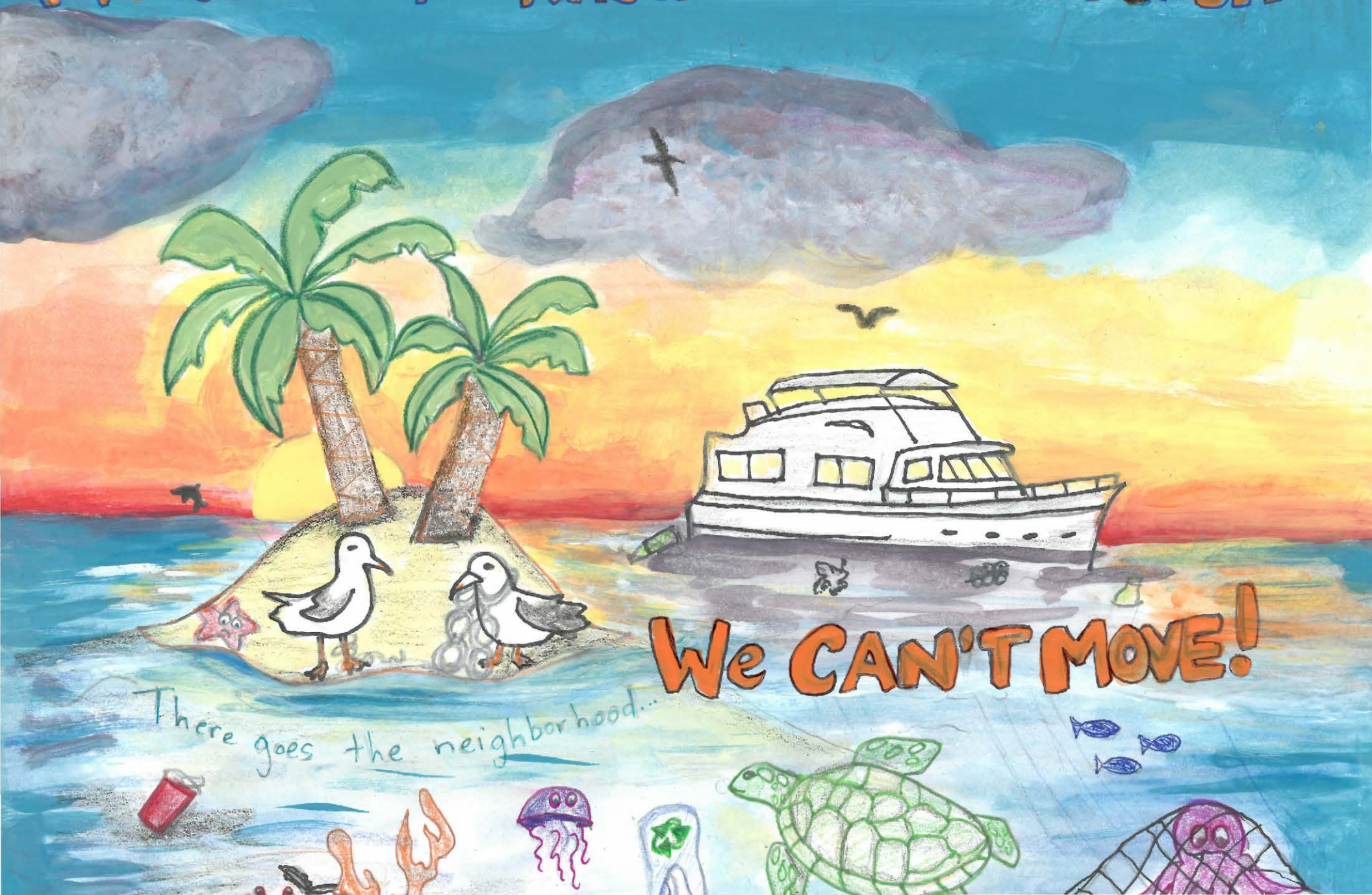
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Please don't TRASH where we SPLASH



We CAN'T MOVE!

There goes the neighborhood...



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The book of Life





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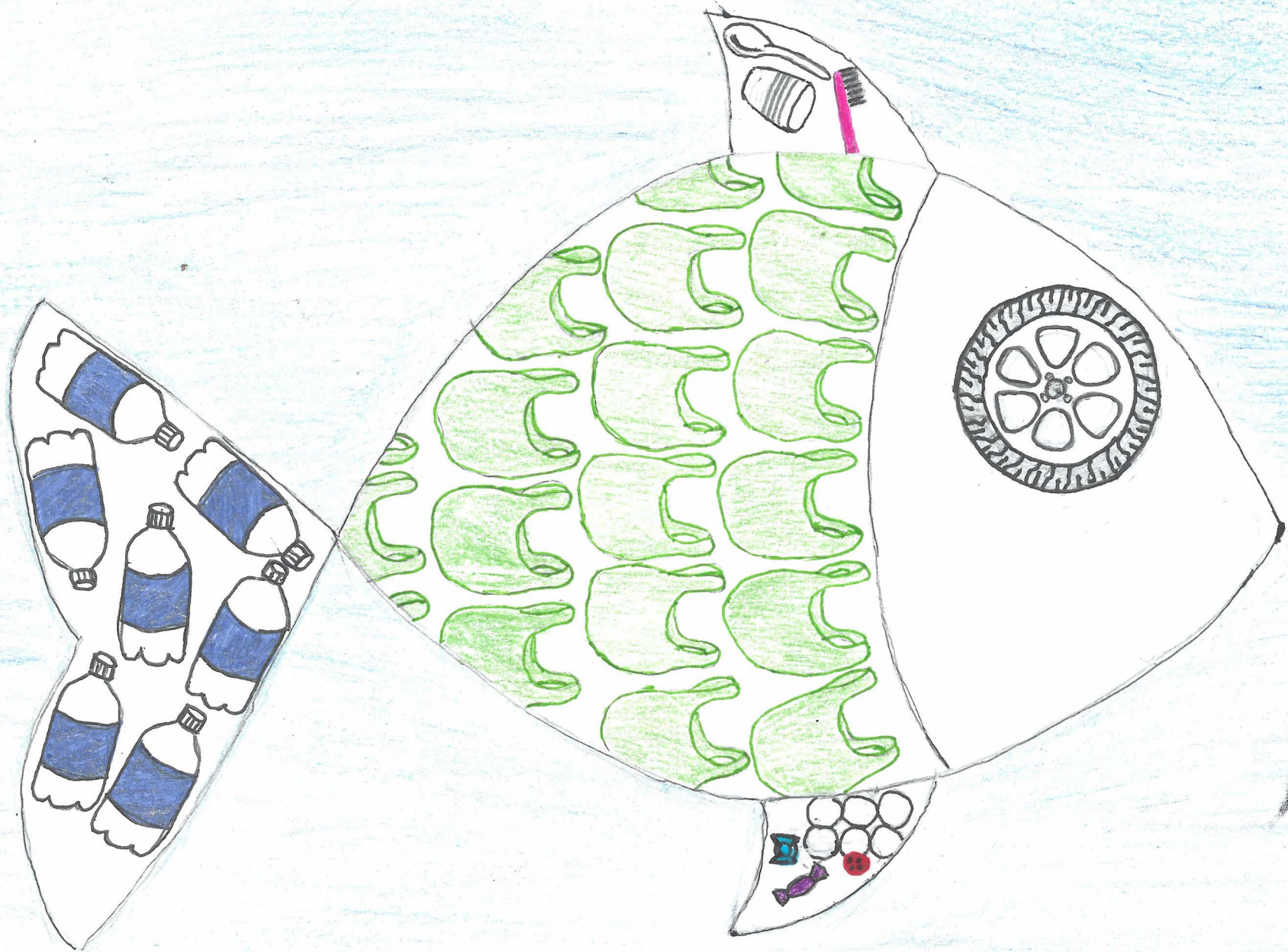
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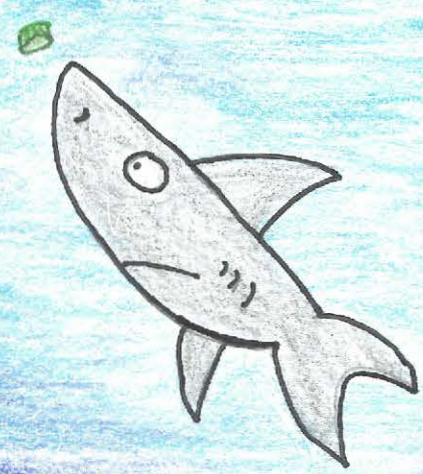
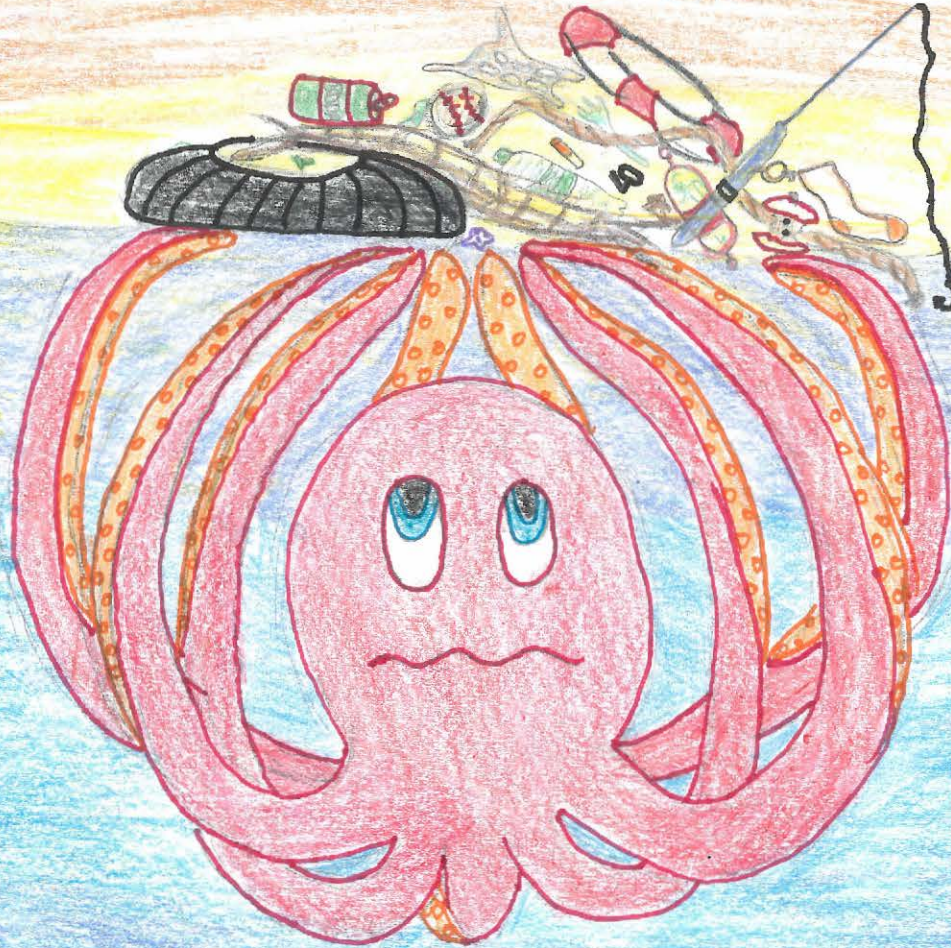
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Save the Sea From...



Debris!





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31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Day						

Hanukkah begins

Winter Solstice

2016 "Keep the Sea Free of Debris!" Art Contest Winners



"Marine debris impacts our ocean gravely. It causes the animals to die, and it causes pollution. All of the littering and trash that we throw away, thinking it won't do anything actually does a lot! Just one plastic bag could kill many animals! When I see trash on a beach or near a lake, I will do my best to clear it up quickly so our earth and inhabitants will all be safe!"

JANUARY

- Bailee S. (Grade 8, Virginia)



"No littering in the sea! It makes the sea dirty and it makes the animals sick. I will pick up the trash on the beach before it gets to the ocean. I will also make signs and tell people not to litter. I will teach them what their trash does to our environment."

MAY

- Carson M. (Grade 3, Georgia)



SEPTEMBER

"Marine debris harms wildlife. Items like fishing line and six-pack rings get tangled around animals and cause injury or death. Birds and fish and sea turtles can mistake plastic for food. People need to use less stuff and make better choices. Everyone should properly dispose of fishing line and buy reusable products. Always remember to reduce, reuse, and recycle!"

- James S. (Grade 6, Louisiana)



"Marine debris hurts our ocean. Rubbish can look like food to animals. Trash traps animals. Do not litter in the ocean. I can help keep the ocean safe. The best ocean is a clean ocean. I can be part of the solution. I can clean the beaches. I can help stop debris."

FEBRUARY

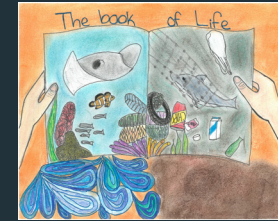
- Maile R. (Grade 1, Hawaii)



"Marine debris impacts our ocean by hurting animals and pollute our oceans and lakes. If fish eat some debris we can have it as well. I can help keep our ocean debris free by collecting the trash in the ocean and decrease debris."

JUNE

- Dayoung L. (Grade 5, Hawaii)



OCTOBER

"In my book of life, I have one side that is clean and beautiful, the way we want it to be, and the other side is filled with garbage, and that is our reality. However, if we want life to continue, then we must make a change. To do this, I will minimize the use of plastic bags in our everyday life. I can also help by cutting up beverage holders before disposing them."

- Natalie B. (Grade 7, California)



"Marine debris impacts our ocean by people putting in plastic and other trash to our oceans. It ruins the animals' habitat and also what they eat. Many animals and creatures are dying because of pollution, soon they are going to be extinct. I will try to recycle more and make garbage into something else. Its better to keep than to throw away."

MARCH

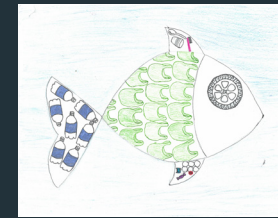
- Emilia W. (Grade 7, New Jersey)



JULY

"Marine debris impacts our oceans by killing our animals. I will help keep our ocean clean by recycling more and picking up trash more."

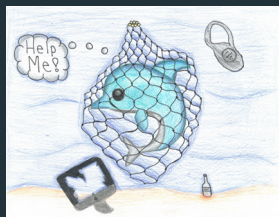
- Lexy F. (Grade 3, Texas)



NOVEMBER

"It destroys our coral reefs and kills the wildlife. It has gotten so bad in the ocean that there is a lot of garbage in the middle of our ocean. I will use alternatives to plastic and spread the word about what plastic is doing to our wildlife so we can save our lakes and ocean."

- Malley M. (Grade 8, Michigan)



"Marine debris impacts our oceans and Great Lakes because the plastic and other garbage could badly injure or kill the sea animals. What I will do to keep our ocean debris free is to not litter. Not littering is very important because if you litter the debris can go into drains then it can go into the lake or the sea. Then once it goes in the sea, ocean organisms could then die."

APRIL

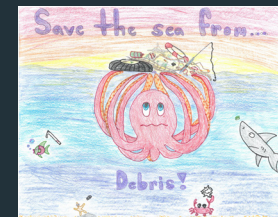
- Sallie S. (Grade 7, Washington)



AUGUST

"Marine debris affects the oceans and Great Lakes in many ways. Plastic bags choke sharks and turtles. Sunken boats can ruin beautiful homes and change the way marine nature. I will try to recycle all trash. I also want to learn as much as I can and spread the word to others, so they can help, too."

- Genae W. (Grade 2, Georgia)



DECEMBER

"Marine debris impacts our ocean and lakes by killing and hurting the animals a lot. It also makes the water very dirty and no one wants to go on a dirty beach. I will always bring a trash bag to put trash into when I go to the beach."

- Emily B. (Grade 8, Pennsylvania)