The Last Straw
By Samantha and Natalia

Our Bronze Project

Our goal is to decrease water pollution by decreasing the use of plastic straws.

Why This Project is Important to us

SAMANTHA

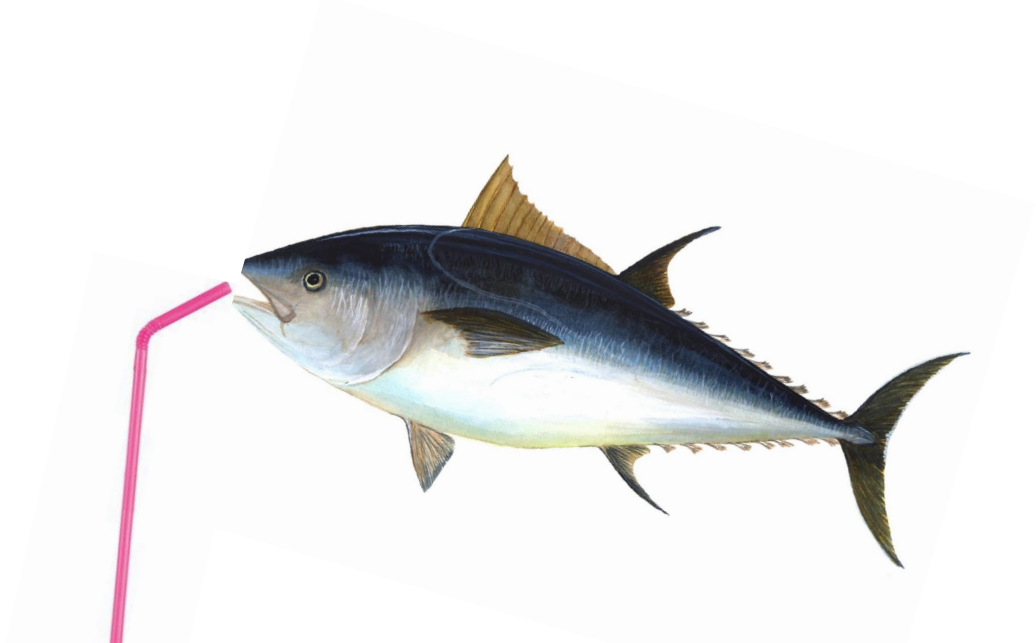
NATALIA

Facts About Plastic Straw Pollution in Water

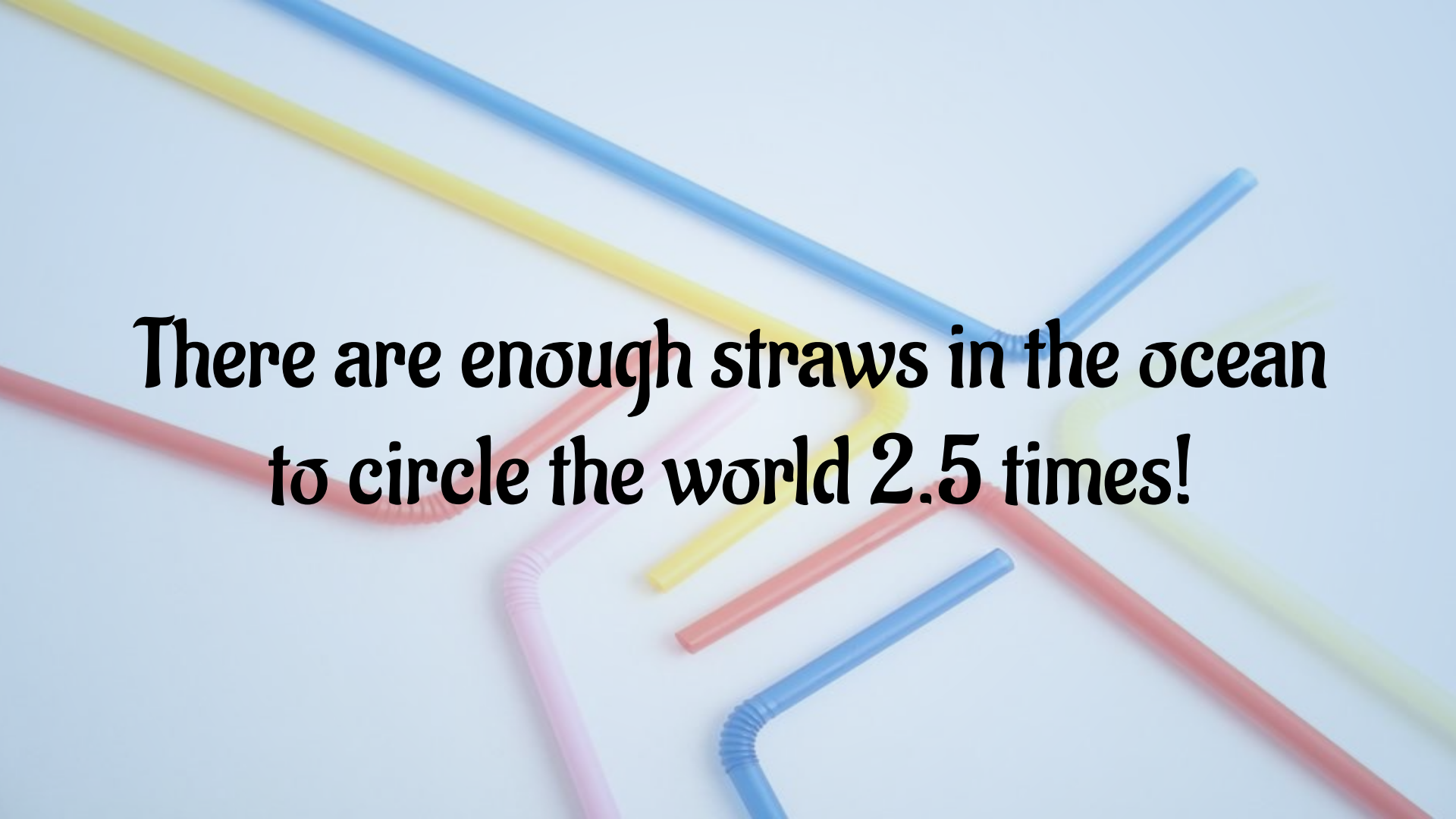
Sources- strawlessocean.org, independent.co.uk, get-green-now.com https://www.waste360.com/plastics/plastic-products-take-over-top-10-list-during-international-coastal-cleanup

We use over 500 million straws everyday!

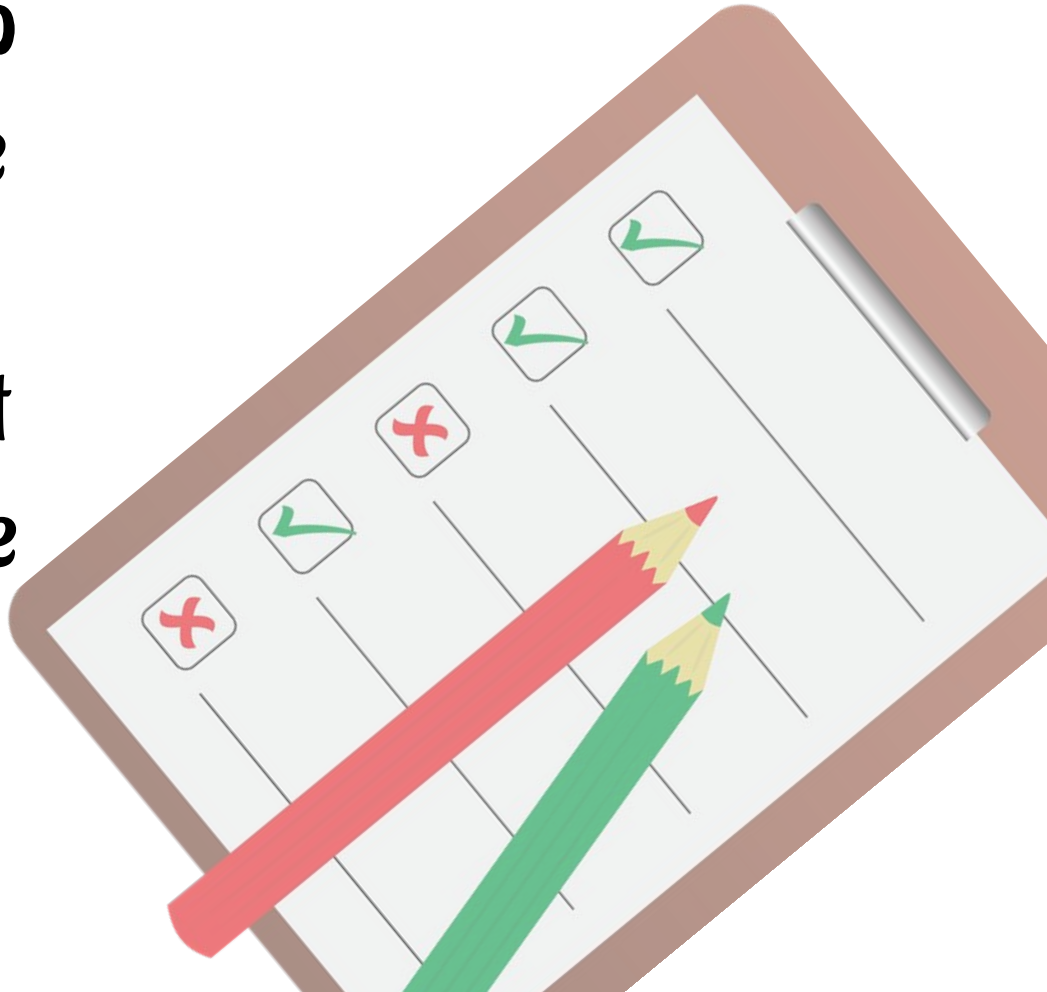
In 2050, there will be more plastic straws in the ocean than fish!



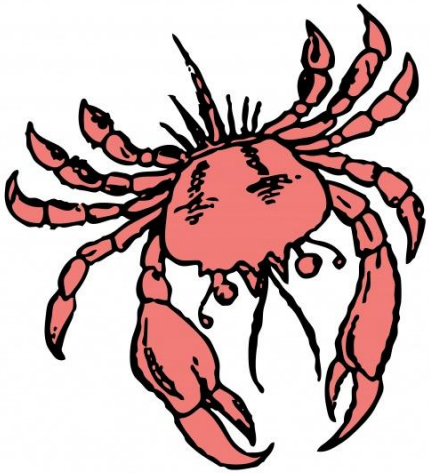
It takes 200 years to decompose
and can't be recycled!

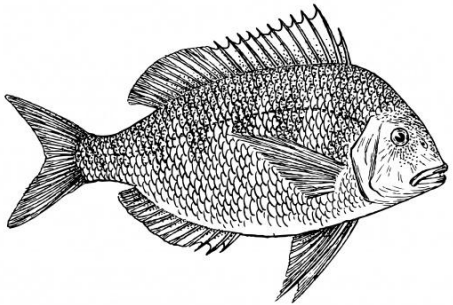

There are enough straws in the ocean
to circle the world 2.5 times!

Straws are in the top 10 items found in the latest coastal clean-up. And 7 out of the 10 items on the list, are made of plastic.



Beach Clean-up





Who we Talked to

BENIHANA

WOKCANO
ASIAN RESTAURANT & BAR

LAZY DOG
RESTAURANT & BAR

ZOV'S

Burger Parlor
Burgers | Beer | Shakes

Help Girl Scouts
save the oceans!
You can do your part by...
At Benihana
restaurant

The Last Straw
At Gourmet
Burger

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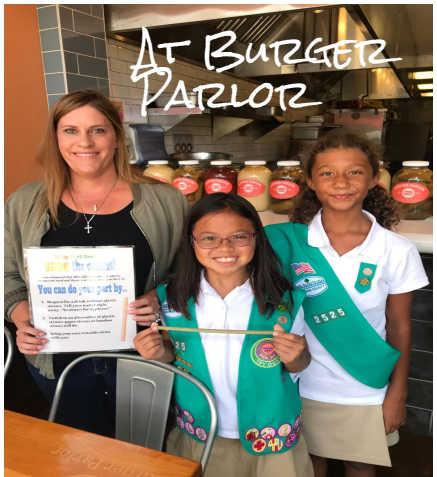

At Burger
Parlor

save the oceans!
You can do your part by...
At Lazy Dog

Help Girl Scouts save the oceans!

It is estimated that 500 million single-use plastic straws are used and thrown away everyday in the U.S.

You can do your part by...

1. **Request for a drink without plastic straws. Tell your waiter right away, *"No straws for us please!"***

2. **Switch to an alternative of plastic straws: paper straws or bamboo straws will do.**

3. **Bring your own reusable straw with you!**

Talking to Restaurants: Our Story

We learned that some restaurants didn't really think about plastic straw pollution.

After we talked to them, our speech made an impact on them and they started to teach their waiters and change their protocol.

Some have already started to make changes in how they serve their drinks.

The New Bill

On September 20th, Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill for California to ban plastic straws from being given out **automatically**.

It's great that there's a law to limit plastic straw use, but it still **doesn't** solve the problem.

People **can** still request for plastic straws and it **will** be given to them.

–Sam and Natalia

How you can help!

1. Bring your own reusable straws!

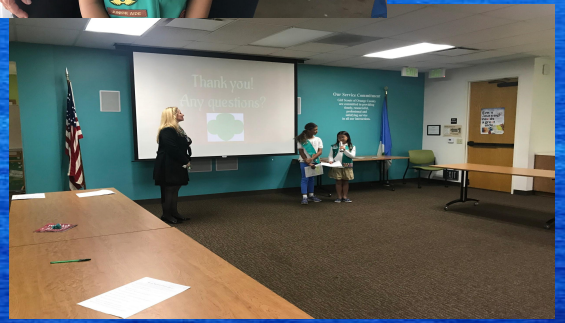
2. When ordering at a restaurant, say

3. Don't pick up straws at fastfood restaurants

Chick-fil-A®

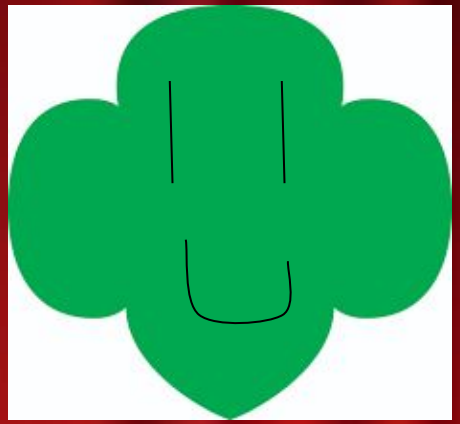
4. Participate in beach clean-ups (Surfrider every 1st Saturday of the month)

5. Spread the word!



Reusable Bamboo Straws

With Fall Product and Cookie Product Proceeds, we purchased reusable bamboo straws for every Girl Scouts' family of four.

Do the math!

Thank you!