

Coral Whispers

- A Marine Debris Story -



Hi!

We are "Coral Whispers".

We are made from
bleached corals and shells
that were washed ashore.

Today, we would like to
share with you the
troubling tale of the
ocean.



The ocean is home to
billions of
sea creatures.

Many marine plants
and animals grow and
find shelter in the
ocean, from tiny
planktons to
humongous whales!



The ocean
is a special place
for people too!

People eat yummy
seafood and enjoy
swimming, fishing, and
playing marine sports.

The ocean
is a very special
and important place
for both people and
sea creatures.



Our home used to
be a nice, clean,
and comfortable
place to live.



Sadly,
the ocean
is becoming a
dirty, dangerous,
and unhealthy
place to live.



Why?

It is because so much trash has been flowing into the ocean every day.

This trash is called "marine debris". Because of marine debris, many sea creatures are suffering.

They become sick and die from eating marine debris or get tangled in it.



Marine debris
like plastic bottles
or tin cans
can stay in the ocean
for many years,
causing so much
trouble for a very
long time.



How are some ways that trash flow into the ocean?

- 1.) People make so much trash in their daily lives.
- 2.) People litter everywhere they go.
- 3.) Fishermen throw or leave behind their fishing gear (nets, ropes, and cages) in the ocean.
- 4.) People illegally dump their waste into the ocean.



Yes, marine
debris is made
by the act of
people.



Now,
we need to bring back the
clean and safe ocean
by stopping the trash
from flowing into the
ocean.



Learn more about "marine debris"
and take action!

Here are some things you can do
to make less trash in your life.
Just follow the **3R's!**

1. **Reduce:** Do not buy things you don't need or things that are heavily packaged.
2. **Reuse:** Try to keep using things that can still be used (in different ways) or give them away to someone who can.
3. **Recycle:** Recycle things that can turn into different products. Look for recycle bins before throwing things in a plain garbage bin.



Finally,
tell your friends and
family about marine
debris and find ways
that you can help
reduce trash in your
home and community!

Please help us live in
a healthy and safe home
by stopping the flow of
trash into the ocean.

Thank you!