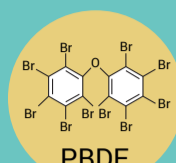
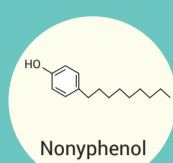
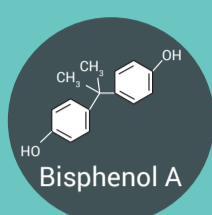
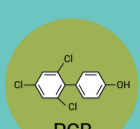
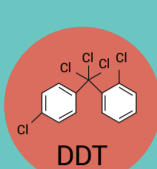


# Effects of Plastic on Human Health

Plastic pollution in the marine environment is a threat to human health due to the large amount of toxic chemicals used in its manufacture.



The plastics present in the marine environment are incorporated into the food chain through filter feeders that accumulate part of these non-biodegradable substances in their tissues.



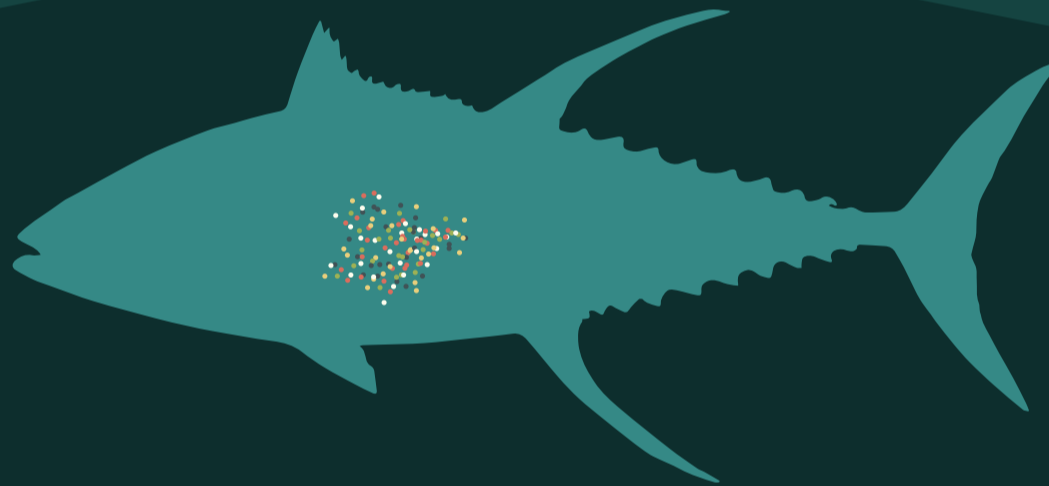
Imm-sized pieces of plastic are often found in mussels, oysters, and other filter-feeder shellfish that feed organisms higher up the food chain, including humans.



This problem notably affects the Mediterranean Sea, where more than a third of the analyzed tunas contain plastics.



In this way, by threatening the health of the ocean, we also jeopardize our own health.



Understanding the drift of plastics in the sea and characterizing its possible accumulation areas are priority issues to be able to efficiently mitigate its effects.

It is in our power to improve the health of the ocean and, therefore, our own.

