

the final STRAW

DON'T GET SUCKED INTO PLASTIC STRAW USE

PLASTIC STRAWS ARE AMONG THE TOP 10 PLASTIC DEBRIS FOUND DURING COASTAL CLEANUPS

AN ESTIMATED **100,000** MARINE ANIMALS ARE KILLED ANNUALLY DUE TO PLASTIC DEBRIS 

500,000 PLASTIC STRAWS ARE USED DAILY, CONTRIBUTING TO THE 8 MILLION TONS OF PLASTIC THAT ENTER THE OCEAN EACH YEAR

80-90% OF THE DEBRIS THAT ENDS UP IN THE OCEAN IS PLASTIC.

PLASTIC STRAWS MAY BE SMALL BUT ARE A BIG CONCERN:

- THEIR SIZE MAKES IT HARD TO PICK THEM OUT FOR RECYCLING
- THEY EASILY FIND THEIR WAY TO BODIES OF WATER
- MARINE ANIMALS MISTAKE STRAWS FOR FOOD

MORE STRAWS MEANS

INCREASED PLASTIC PRODUCTION, REQUIRING MORE OIL AND GAS NEEDED FOR ENERGY FOR MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION, CONTRIBUTING TO CARBON EMISSIONS AND POLLUTION

THE OCEAN PROVIDES US WITH 70% OF OUR OXYGEN - WE ARE DEPENDENT ON ITS HEALTH. IF THE OCEAN IS SICK, WE GET SICK!

REUSABLE STRAWS ARE AN EARTH FRIENDLY OPTION!

IF YOU WANT TO USE A STRAW, BE PREPARED AND CARRY YOUR OWN REUSABLE STRAW! ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC INCLUDE STRAWS MADE FROM BAMBOO, METAL, GLASS, STRAW OR AN ECO-FRIENDLY MATERIAL

EVERY STRAW YOU USE CONTRIBUTES TO THE DEMAND FOR PLASTIC STRAWS AND NEED FOR CONTINUED PRODUCTION

 **NO STRAW FOR ME, THANK YOU!** WHEN ORDERING YOUR DRINK DECLINE THE STRAW IN ADVANCE

CHAT WITH BUSINESSES & RESTAURANTS

ENCOURAGE THEM AND THEIR STAFF TO CONSIDER MOVING AWAY FROM SERVING STRAWS OR TO SWITCH TO A "STRAWS ON REQUEST ONLY" POLICY, RATHER THAN AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDING A STRAW TO CUSTOMERS