

How YOU can HELP



Get Involved

Start a marine debris cleanup or participate in local cleanups



Remember

our land and sea are connected



Dispose of trash properly

everywhere you are



Reduce

your use of single use plastics such as straws



Reuse

items when you can.

Choose reusable items over disposable ones.



Recycle

as much as possible!

Bottles, cans, cardboards and many other that can be recycled.

For more information visit:

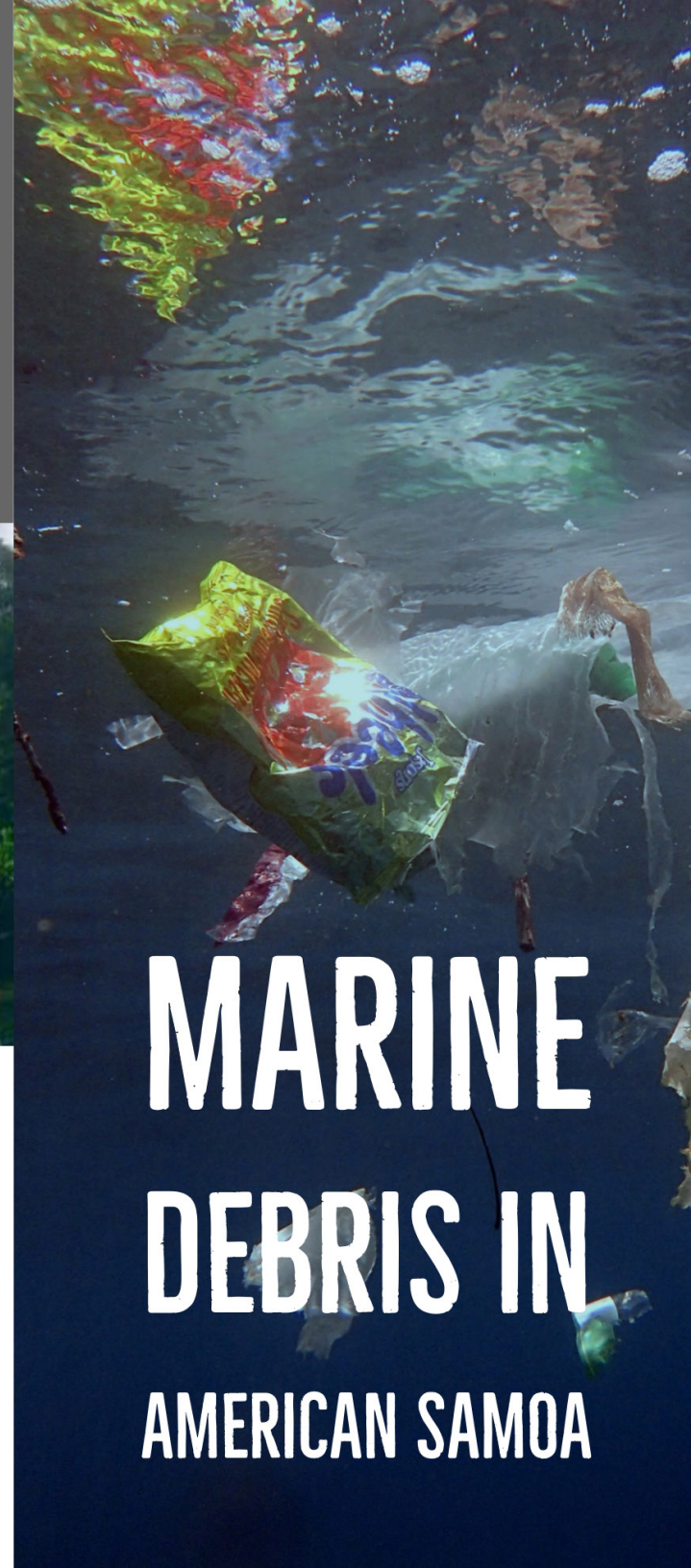
www.marinedebris.noaa.gov

www.oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/

www.projectaware.org/issue/marine-debris

CONTACT : TO BE DETERMINED

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IS TIED TO OUR
OCEANS AND ITS
NATURAL RESOURCES.
WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF IT!



MARINE DEBRIS IN AMERICAN SAMOA

IMPACTS OF MARINE DEBRIS

ECONOMIC COST



We lose a lot of money and time cleaning up trash

TOP ITEMS COLLECTED

DURING 2012 -2013 AM.SAMOA CLEANUPS



ALL 3 ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED

Marine debris is any man-made, solid material that enters waterways directly through littering or indirectly via streams and storm drains

MICROPLASTICS

Over time plastics break down into small pieces called microplastics. Animals can mistake these microplastics for food.



UNHEALTHY

Microplastics in water act like a sponge that absorbs toxins. These toxins accumulate in fish tissue which can potentially cause cancer and other illnesses.



450 YEARS

for plastic bottles to break down

80% OF OCEAN PLASTIC COMES FROM LAND-BASED SOURCES



HABITAT DAMAGE

Fishing nets and clothes can smother habitat such as coral reefs



Marine debris injures and kills marine life

Unless we take action, our oceans will contain more plastic in weight than fish by 2050

30 YEARS

from now



DURING 2016-2017 AM.SAMOA CLEANUPS



STYROFOAM PLATES ARE NOT RECYCLABLE
ALL 3 ITEMS ARE FROM EATING AND DRINKING HABITS