

PLASTIC POLLUTION

Over **8 BILLION** metric tonnes of plastic has been produced since the industrial production of synthetic materials began in the **1950s**

Of this...

6.3 BILLION tonnes has become plastic waste

and only **9%** has been recycled

79% of this plastic waste is sitting in landfills or littered in the natural environment



8 MILLION tonnes of plastic enters the ocean each year



150 MILLION tonnes are already polluting marine environments

predicted to rise by **750 MILLION** tonnes by 2050