



the Last  
plastic Straw  
*thelastplasticstraw.org*

Speaking Truth to Plastic -The Last Plastic Straw Movement- A tipping point from Awareness to Action

# Slack•tiv•ism

n`slacktivism: the public proclaiming of political beliefs through activities that require little effort or commitment.

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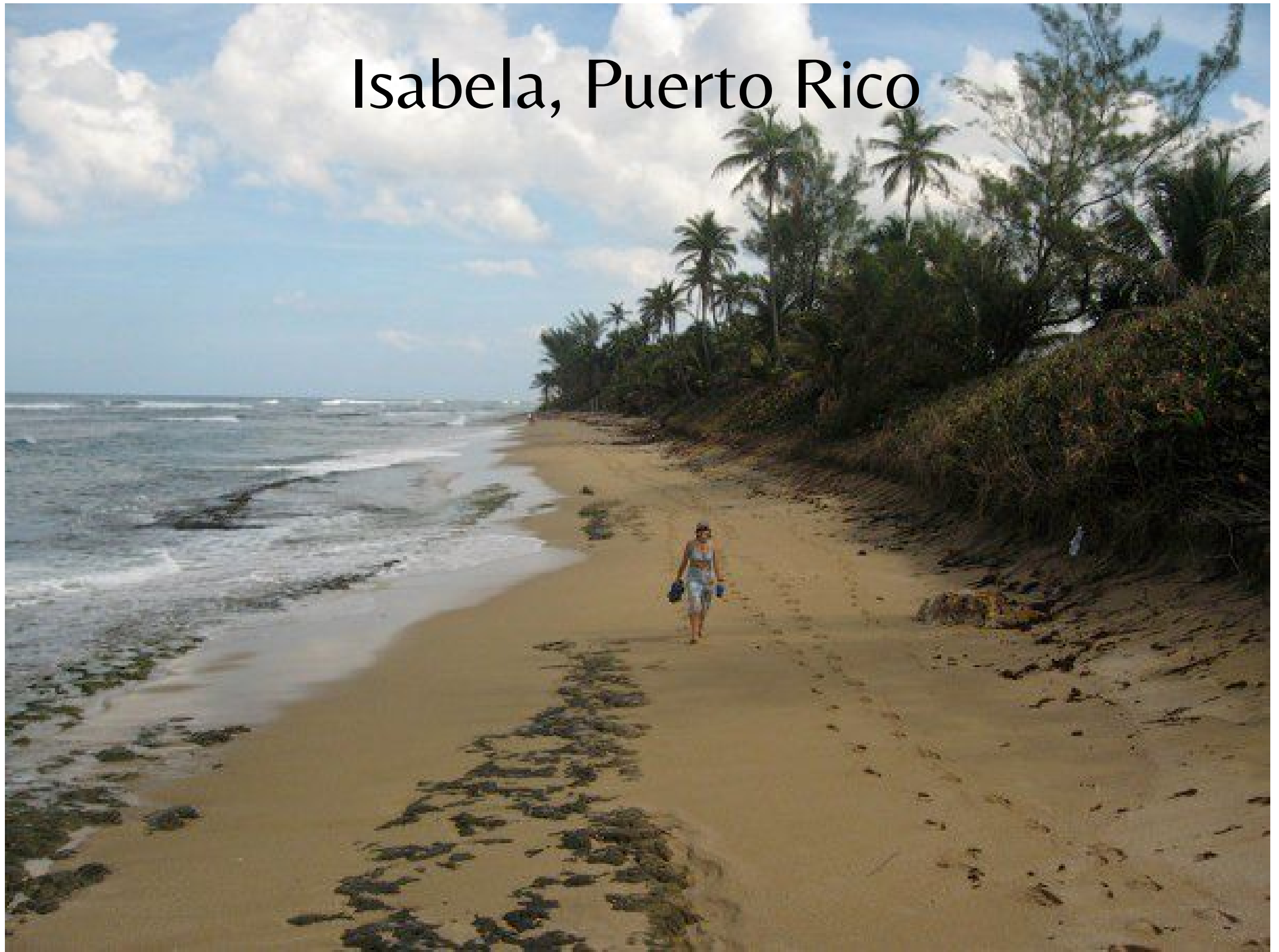
- Signing of internet petitions
- Copying and pasting of social network statuses or messages related to causes, but not actively participating in them.

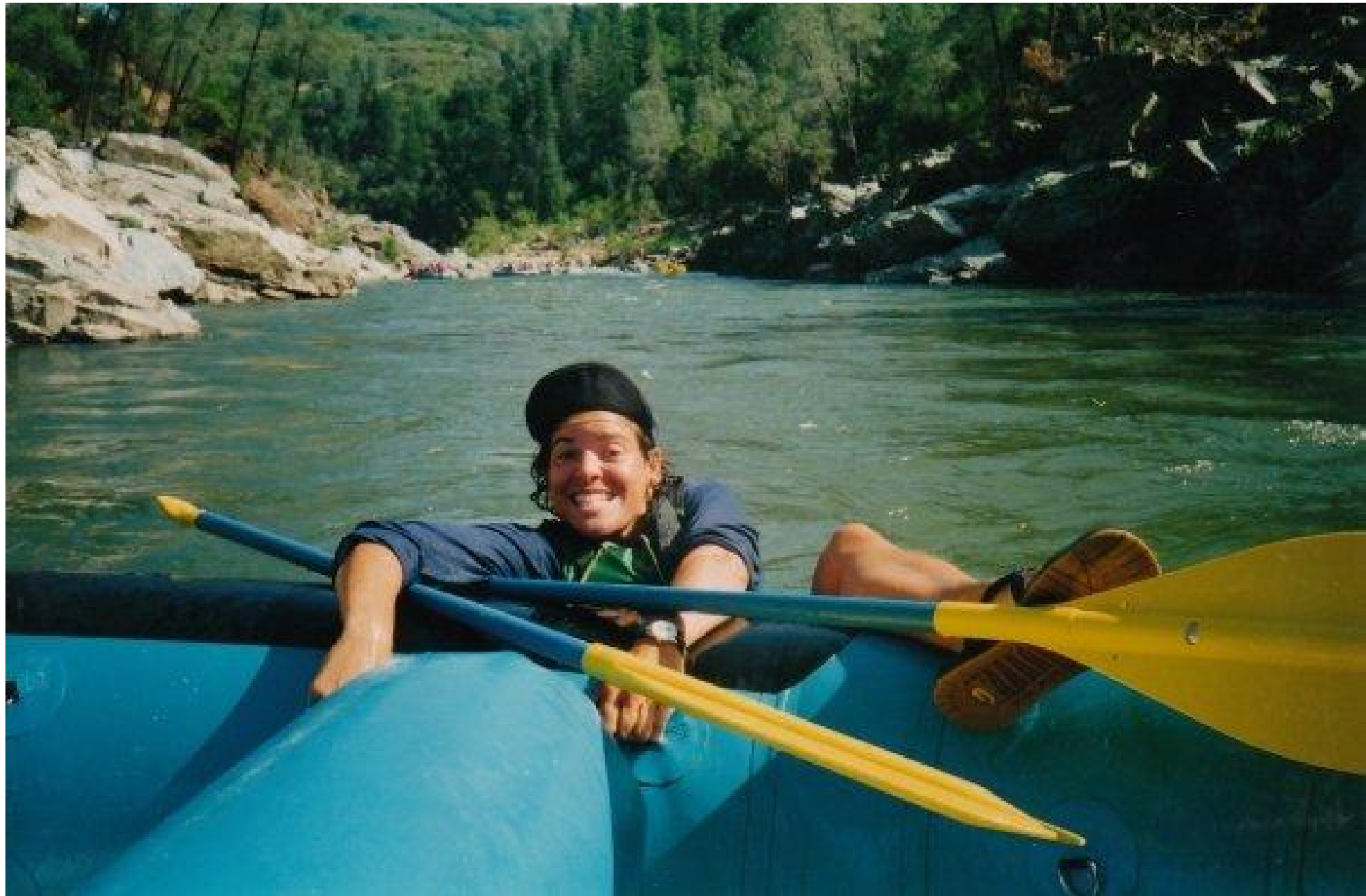






# Isabela, Puerto Rico





# British Virgin Islands







# Glovers Atoll, Belize



“Those that have the  
privilege to know,  
have the duty to act”

-Albert Einstein

# Last Plastic Straw Moment



500 million plastic straws are used and discarded everyday in the U.S.



(Eco Cycle "Be Straw Free" campaign research)

<http://www.ecocycle.org/bestrawfree>

**U.S. CONSUMPTION = ENOUGH STRAWS  
TO WRAP AROUND THE  
EARTH'S CIRCUMFERENCE  
2.5 TIMES A DAY!**



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(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21864861>)



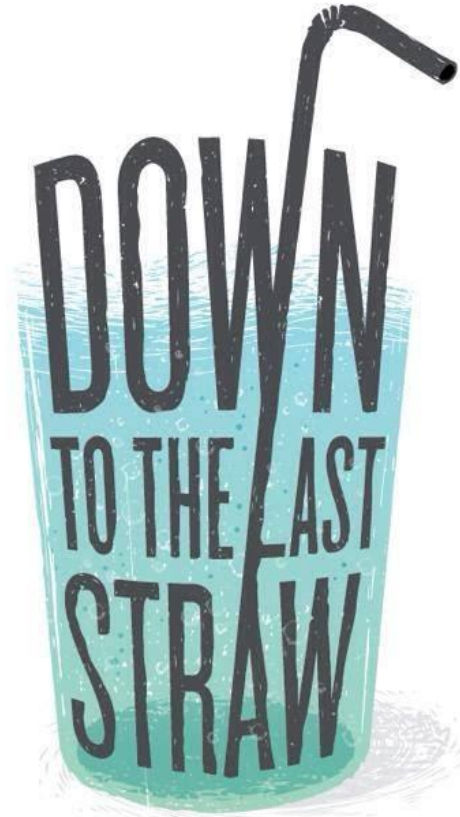
Photo by Christine Figgner

Olive Ridley Turtle, Costa Rica 2015



# STRAW WARS

Soho, London



Vancouver, BC



IAN  
SOMERHALDER  
FOUNDATION

“Straws can Suck It” Campaign



Australia



PlasticPollutionCoalition.org

“Resolve to Refuse to Use” Campaign

## **News: Miami Beach Has Banned Plastic Straws Manhattan Beach Bans Plastic Straws, Lids & Utensils**



Milo Cress, “Be Straw Free”,  
ecocycle.org



Surfrider SF



“Down To Last Straw”



“Straws Suck” Campaign



MONTEREY BAY  
AQUARIUM



Ocean Conservancy



[www.bluemarbles.org](http://www.bluemarbles.org)







**Jakarta, Indonesia**

**China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam are spewing out as much as 60 percent of the plastic waste that enters the world's seas.** - Jenna R. Jambeck<sup>1,\*</sup>, *Science* 13 Feb 2015: Vol. 347, Issue 6223





# Disposable, Biodegradable, Compostable?



**Plastic** does not biodegrade, it photo degrades(**BREAKS APART**)into smaller pieces



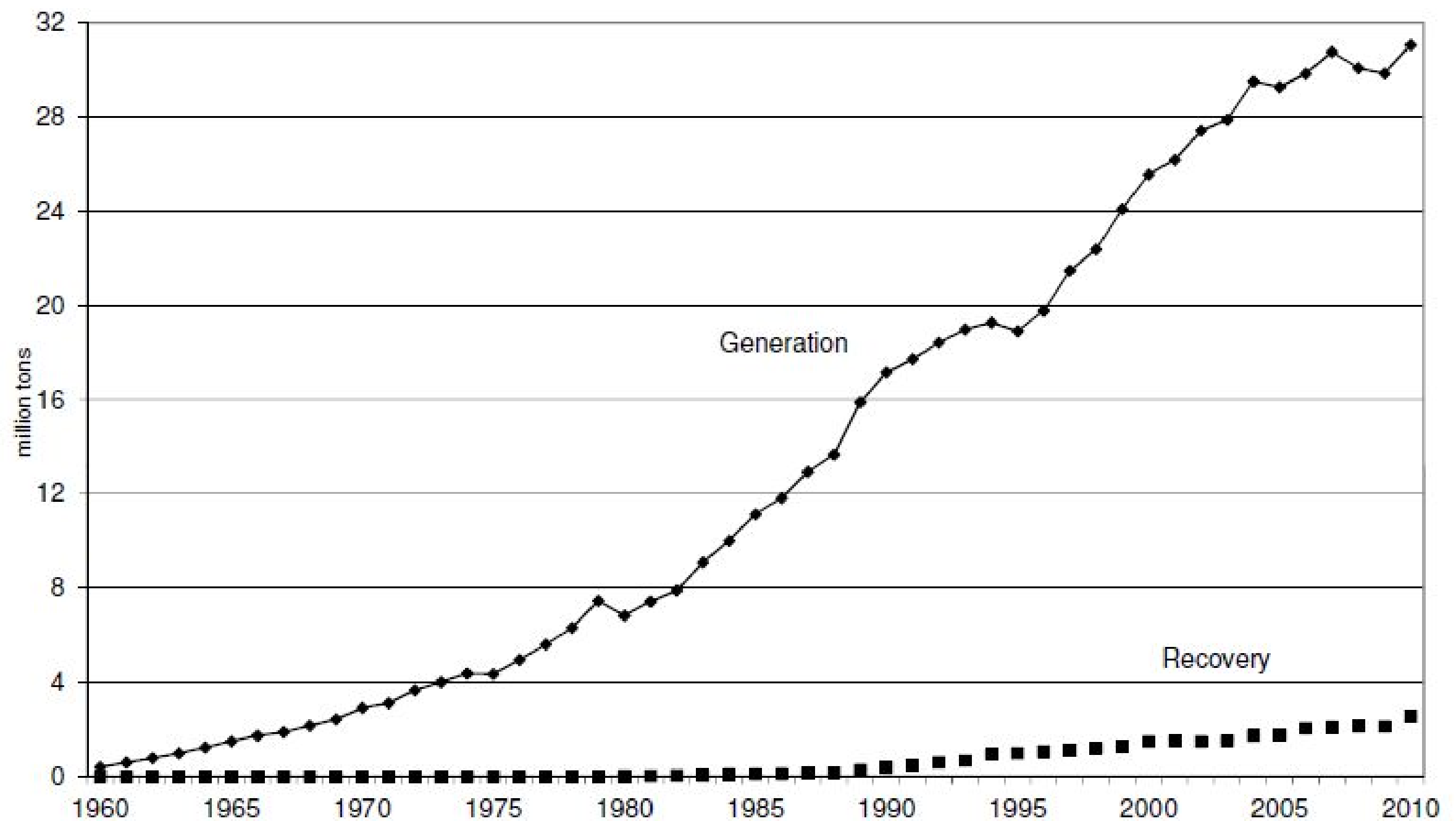
The moment plastic enters the food chain



Marine mammals ingest plastic  
mistaking it for food



Figure 9. Plastics generation and recovery, 1960 to 2010



Source: EPA 2010 Municipal Solid Waste Fact Sheet

Recyclable?

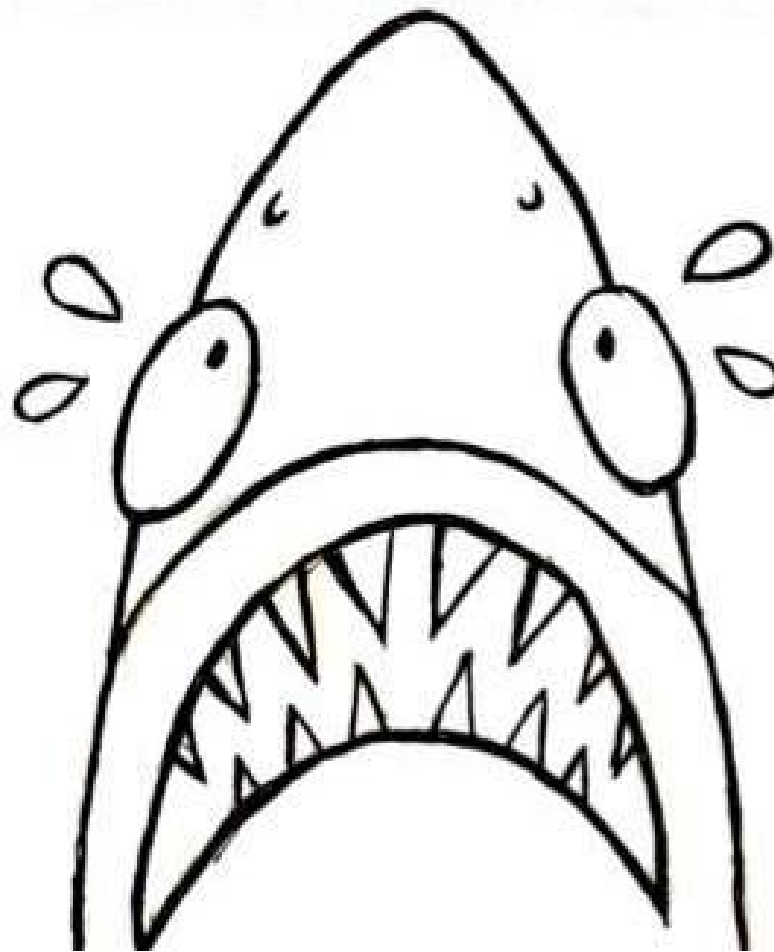


**Toxic waste** is waste material that can cause death, injury or birth defects to living creatures.<sup>[1]</sup> It spreads quite easily and can contaminate lakes, rivers, and the atmosphere. The term is often used interchangeably with “**hazardous waste**”, or discarded material that can pose a long-term risk to health or environment.

# STRAWS



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Skip The Straw  
Help Save the Planet  
one sip at a time  
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<http://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/no-straw-please/>