

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Why is it important?

Oceans also absorb about 30 percent of the carbon dioxide produced by humans, and we are seeing a 26 percent rise in ocean acidification since the beginning of the industrial revolution.

SDGs

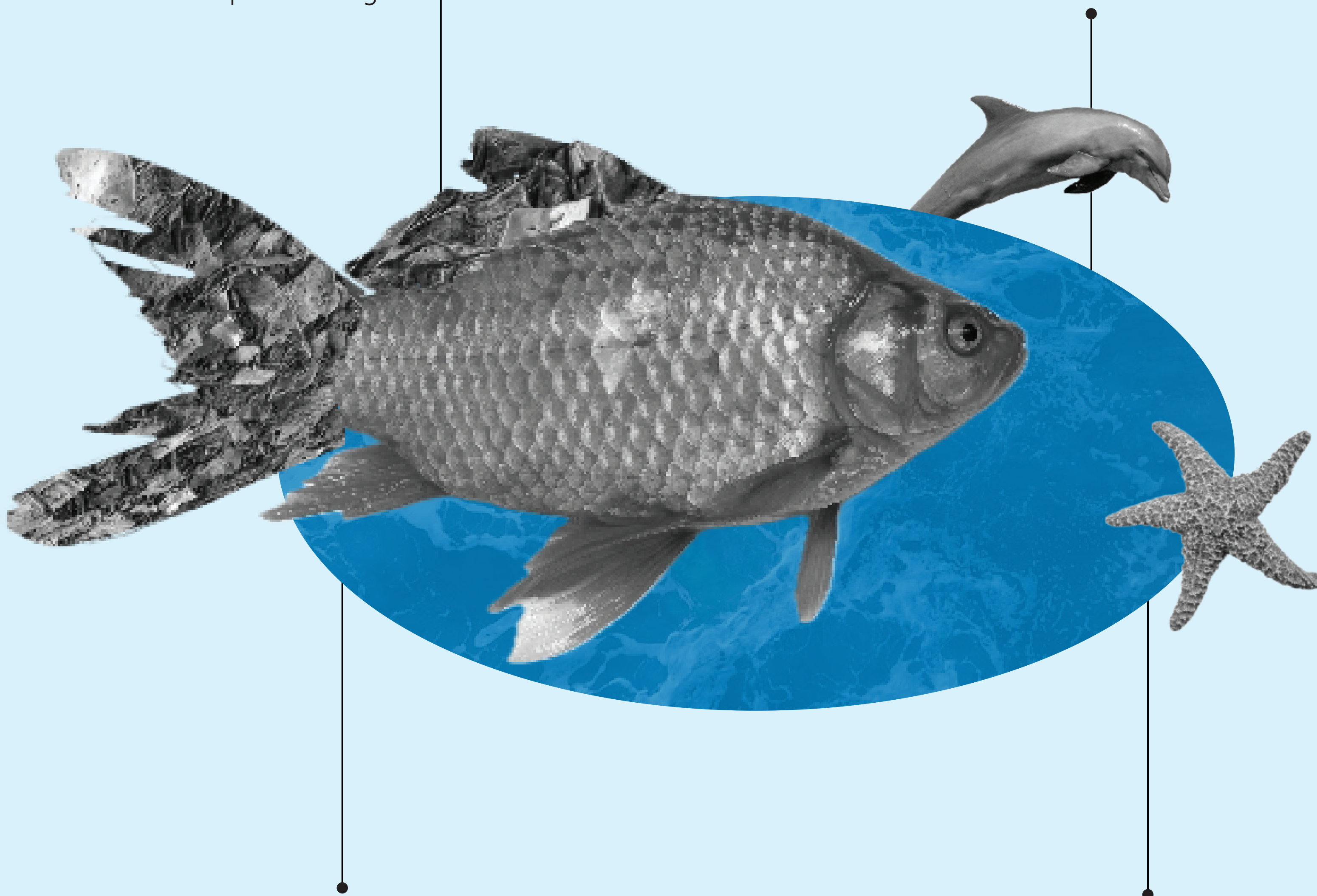
The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

3 TRILLION

The market value of marine and coastal resources and industries is estimated at US\$3 trillion per year, about 5 percent of global GDP.

40 PERCENT

As much as 40 percent of the ocean is heavily affected by pollution, depleted fisheries, loss of coastal habitats and other human activities.



3 BILLION

More than 3 billion people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihoods.

200K

The ocean contains nearly 200,000 identified species, but actual numbers may lie in the millions.