

Article of choice summary 1-Varun:

I learned from Varun on Sargassum that it is A group of around 150 species of brown algae in the Atlantic Ocean, Florida, Brazil, etc.... It hosts a large wildlife ecosystem lower on the food chain but also attracts predators. Because of this & it can cause some species to go extinct and negatively affect acidity and salinity. Lastly, it affects humans by damaging tourism and the natural beauty of the ocean. The solution to this problem is to stop ocean acidification.

Article of choice summary 2-sean:

I learned from Sean that Microplastics occur in deep water and off the coast of California. Studies found that the deeper in the ocean you go, the less plastic there is, but by the end of the century, the sea floor will be covered in plastic. The root of this problem is single-use plastic, fishing debris, and overall mismanagement of waste carried by currents around the world. Microplastics contaminate wildlife and make their way up the food chain. Because of this, it gets into the bodies of humans. Also, around 83% of drinking water contains plastic. A significant solution to solving this problem is to recycle correctly and stop using single-use plastics.