

plastic residue used as fertiliser. Irrigation with plastic contaminated water. Artificial fertilizer and seeds coated with a polymer.

accumulation in sediments

nanoplastics to water bodies.

Airborne pathway

From anthropogenic activities such as vehicle tyres and brakes and road paint, city dust, synthetic-textiles, dried sewage sludge.

Ocean plastic (1950-2017)

Current standing stock of plastic is estimated to be between 75 and 199 million tons.





Aquaculture - source

Fish, shellfish and macro algae farming.



Estimates of the time taken for plastics to be transported from coastal areas to mid-ocean islands and gyres range from months to years.

Fishing activities - source



Galley waste thrown overboard, abandoned, lost, and discarded fishing gear, marine coatings.

Recreational boats - source

Galley waste and litter thrown overboard, marine coatings.



Shipping - source

Galley waste thrown overboard, loss of shipping goods and plastic pellets, marine coatings.

