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## Saving Seas From Waste

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. Think about the **most important idea** in the passage. Write a short, clear, and catchy **headline** (like a news title) that summarizes it. Keep your headline to **8 words or fewer**. Be creative but accurate. There should be no exaggerations or unrelated details.

### Plastic in the Oceans

Every year, millions of tons of plastic end up in the world's oceans. This plastic comes from many sources, such as litter left on beaches, fishing nets, and waste carried by rivers. Once in the water, the plastic breaks into smaller pieces called microplastics, which are often eaten by fish, turtles, and seabirds. Scientists warn that this pollution harms marine life and may even affect human health when seafood is consumed. Some governments are responding by banning single-use plastic items like straws and bags. Nonprofit groups are also organizing clean-up efforts along coastlines and in rivers to reduce the flow of plastic waste into the seas. Experts agree that cutting down on plastic use is the most effective way to protect ocean ecosystems for the future.



Write a headline for this passage that summarizes its main point.