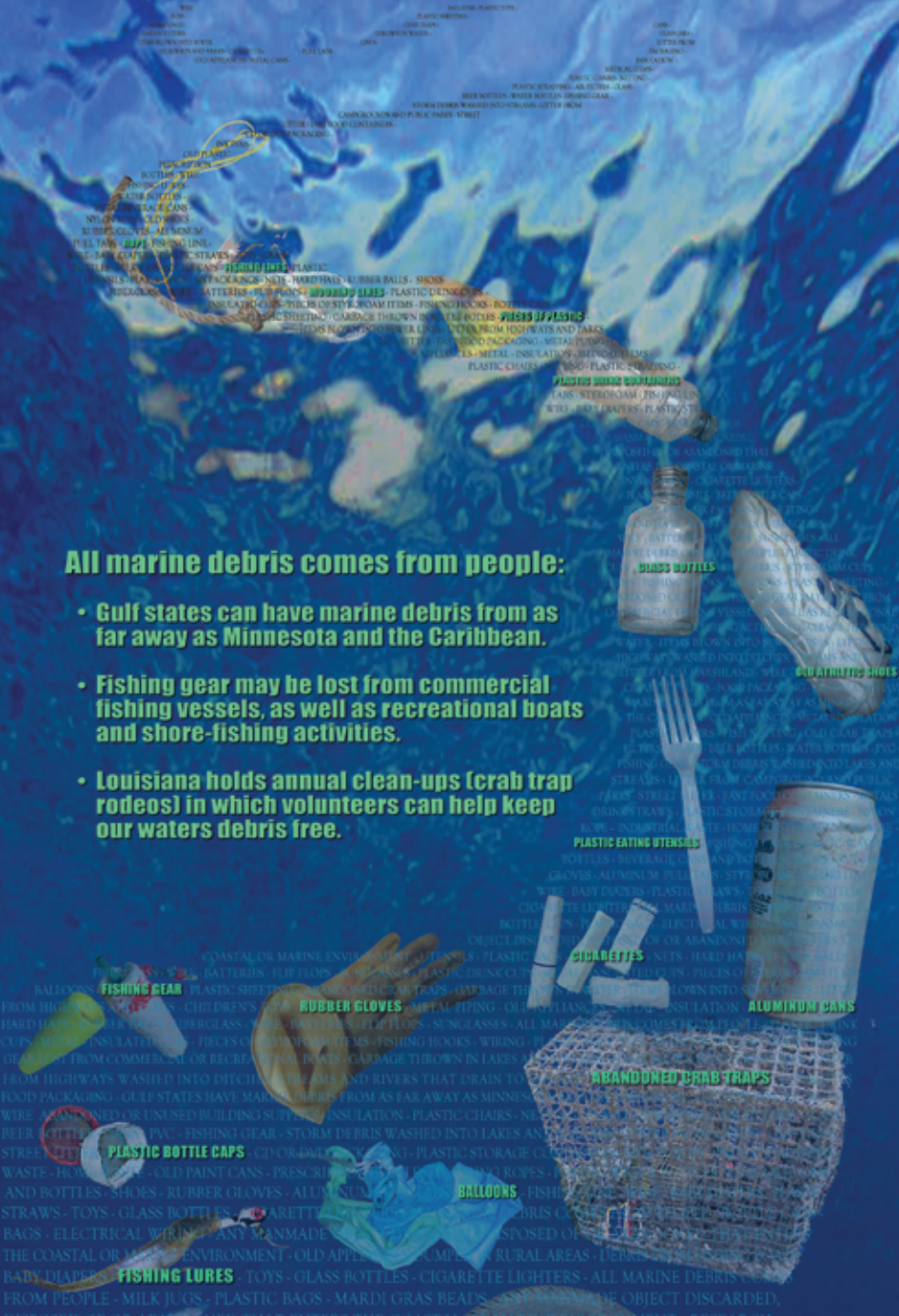


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Marine Debris

Any manmade object discarded, disposed or abandoned that enters the coastal or marine environment.

DON'T GO WITH THE FLOW



All marine debris comes from people:

- Gulf states can have marine debris from as far away as Minnesota and the Caribbean.
- Fishing gear may be lost from commercial fishing vessels, as well as recreational boats and shore-fishing activities.
- Louisiana holds annual clean-ups (crab trap rodeos) in which volunteers can help keep our waters debris free.



FROM HIGHWAYS WASHED INTO DITCHES, STREAMS AND RIVERS THAT DRAIN TO THE COASTAL OR MARINE ENVIRONMENT - RUBBER GLOVES - METAL FISHING LURES - CHILDREN'S TOYS - METAL CIGARETTE LIGHTERS - ALL MARINE DEBRIS COMES FROM PEOPLE - MILK JUGS - PLASTIC BAGS - MARDI GRAS BEADS - ANY MANMADE OBJECT DISCARDED, DISPOSED OF OR ABANDONED THAT ENTERS THE COASTAL OR MARINE ENVIRONMENT - RESEARCH REVEALS THAT MOST PLASTICS, METALS AND PLASTIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES AND PLASTIC BAGS, DO NOT BIODEGRADE NOR BIODEGRADE IN OCEAN SETTINGS - ABANDONED CRAB TRAPS - METAL AND PVC PIPE - NETTING - METAL BEER BOTTLES - BROKEN GLASS - OLD FISHING LINE - PLASTIC BAGS - GLASS BOTTLES - PAINT CANS - FAST FOOD CONTAINERS - DISHWASHER STRAWS - STYROFOAM OBJECTS - OLD SHOES - CIGARETTES - METAL BABY DIAPERS - METAL DRUMS - GLASS OBJECTS OF ANY SORT - OLD VEHICLE TIRES - METALS - METAL OR PLASTIC CAPS FROM CONTAINERS OR DISPENSERS - ALL MARINE DEBRIS COMES FROM PEOPLE - MANY MARINE DEBRIS ITEMS WILL STAY IN THE ENVIRONMENT FOR DECADES - MUCH MARINE DEBRIS CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO HUMANS AND WILDLIFE - ITEMS BLOWN INTO STREAMS AND RIVERS AS LITTER - BEER BOTTLES - METAL ITEMS - PLASTIC SIX-PACK RINGS - OLD SHOES - SMASHED BEER AND BEVERAGE CANS - GULF STATES CAN HAVE MARINE DEBRIS FROM AS FAR AWAY AS MINNESOTA - THE CARIBBEAN - ABANDONED FISHING GEAR - ELECTRICAL WIRING

