

How Countries Are Cutting Down on Plastic

Here are a few of the many countries taking big steps to reduce different types of plastic waste.

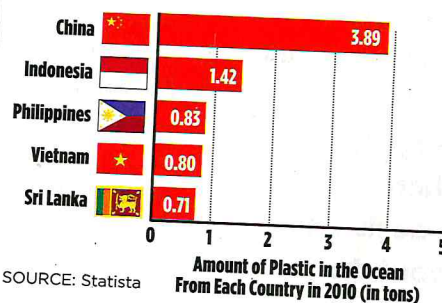


Map Skills

- Which country banned a type of take-out container?
- What will be banned in the United States and Canada by the end of this year?
- Which country was responsible for the most plastic in the ocean in 2010?
- Which ocean borders most of Chile?
- How much plastic ocean waste came from the Philippines in 2010?
- Which labeled countries are south of the equator?
- How much could businesses in Chile be fined for using plastic grocery bags?
- Which labeled countries plan to ban plastic straws?
- What does Taiwan plan to do by 2030?
- Which country was responsible for twice as much plastic waste in the ocean in 2010 as Sri Lanka?

Where Most Ocean Plastic Comes From

In 2010, half of the world's mismanaged plastic waste came from five nations. This graph shows how much waste from each of those nations ended up in the oceans.



plastic meant for one-time use. Either reuse those items or avoid buying them in the first place, they say.

"When I was a kid, Ziploc bags were a single-use item," Savoca says. Now when he and his family use plastic bags, they treat them like Tupperware. "We wash them and reuse them and don't get rid of them

until they're practically destroyed. If more people do things like that, it would make a difference." ♦



WRITE ABOUT IT!

What are some obstacles to reducing plastic pollution? Cite evidence from the text.