

WORLD BOX - 1987 - AUSTRALIA

Theme – Bringing the World Together

Activity – Plastic Survey

What you need

- Notebook
- Pen or Pencil

Join in the Jamboree

Hawksbill turtles are one of the most beautiful and important marine species. They help maintain the health of Australia's reefs by dining on algae and sea sponges, they help to promote coral growth and regeneration, and give reef residents access to food sources.

Australia's very own Great Barrier Reef is home to a vital breeding population of these unique turtles. Hawksbill turtles are migratory animals, and they travel ancient migration routes through the warm waters of the Asia-Pacific through islands like Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. They can get tangled in plastic pollution that's in the sea or eat it as a result of mistaking it for jellyfish. By recycling, we can reduce the harmful impact that plastic is having in the ocean.

Take Action:

- Keep a 24-hour plastic diary to audit how much plastic you use. Think about all the items you use in your daily life that have plastics in, such as food wrappers, toys or water bottles. Some everyday items you would not think have plastic in actually do, such as some teabags, clothing and metal cans.
- Think about what you do with any plastic you throw away. Is this recycled?
- Think about those hidden plastics

Reflection:

Consider whether you are surprised at how much plastic you use every day, whether there were any surprises that something was made from plastic and whether there are any ways you can reduce, reuse or replace the plastics being used and help to play your part in saving the Hawksbill Turtle and other marine creatures.

Safety Notes:

Rubbish and Recycling: All items should be clean and suitable for this activity.

