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Inhabitants of small island and coastal communities are most often the ones who are greatly affected by ocean pollution and climate change. This is because the plastic polluting the ocean degrades into microplastics and is easily ingested by organisms in the ocean, including the fish people eat. An effect of climate change is sea levels rising which have caused parts of coastal communities and small islands to be taken over by water. Not only that but climate change has also caused an increase in hurricanes creating damages that cost lots of money to repair. From the Story of Stuff film that we watched in one of the previous challenges, the effects of ocean pollution and climate change can be seen in the Philippines. In the film it was described that the people who live near the ocean and rely on fishing for food, money, and a majority of their lifestyles have gotten catches that are mainly 60% fish and 40% plastic. This leads to the main problem of pollution in the ocean which is plastic in the ocean. These small communities suffer from ocean pollution because it causes problems with their entire way of living. They also often get little say in whether or not their homes are polluted with the world's trash. Solutions to this are to push plastic making companies to produce more biodegradable plastics, use less single-use plastics, and push governmental officials to create guidelines for equal standards of living as well as more eco-friendly materials to be used.

Our video

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