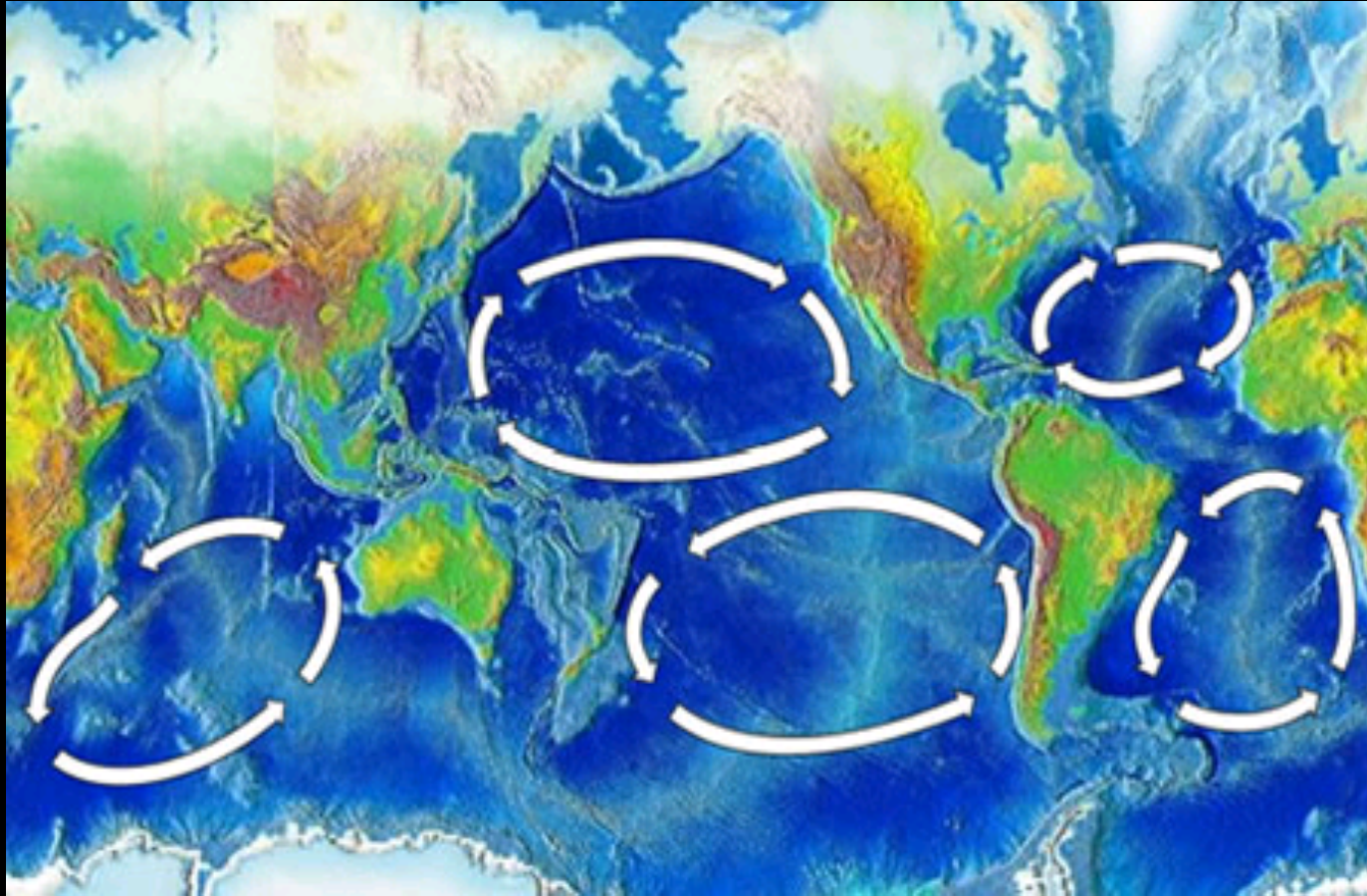


CLEAN BEACHES & OCEANS

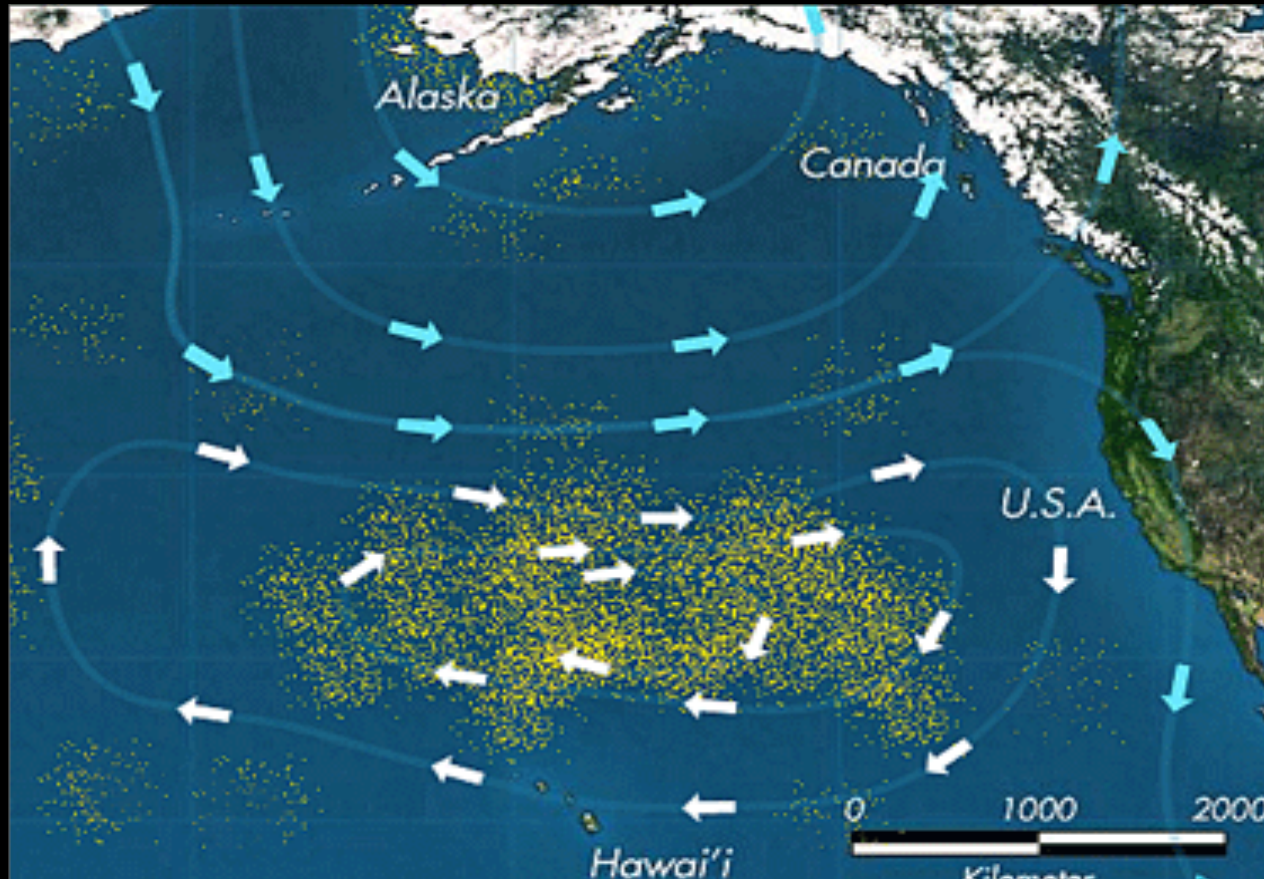


Formation of the Gyres



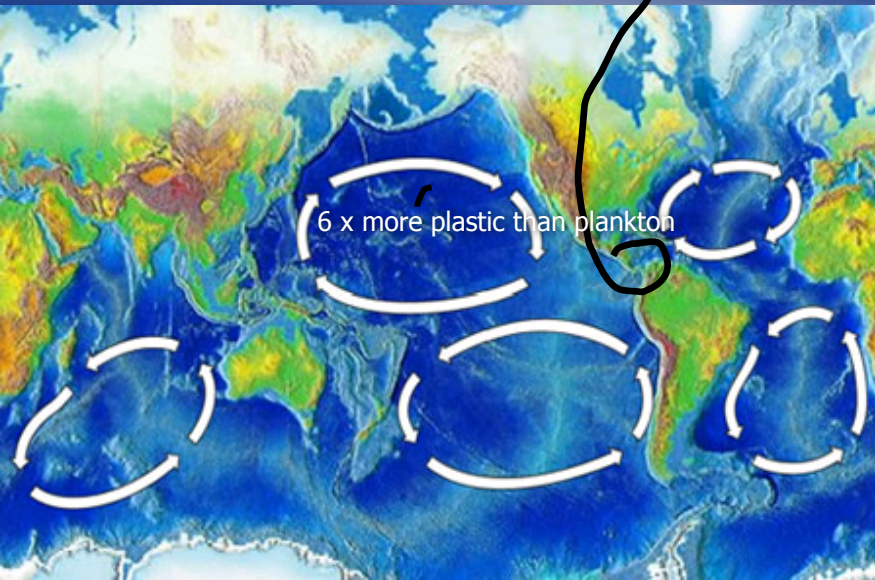
The Great Pacific Garbage Patch

- A giant, growing zone of floating trash:
- twice the size of Texas
 - 90% plastic





There is 6 times more plastic than plankton in the North Pacific gyre.



The Black-footed Albatross



Jay Holcomb-IBRCC







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<http://news.bbc.co.uk>



Photo: Cynthia Vanderlip

What do you see in the stomach of this albatross chick?

And this one...

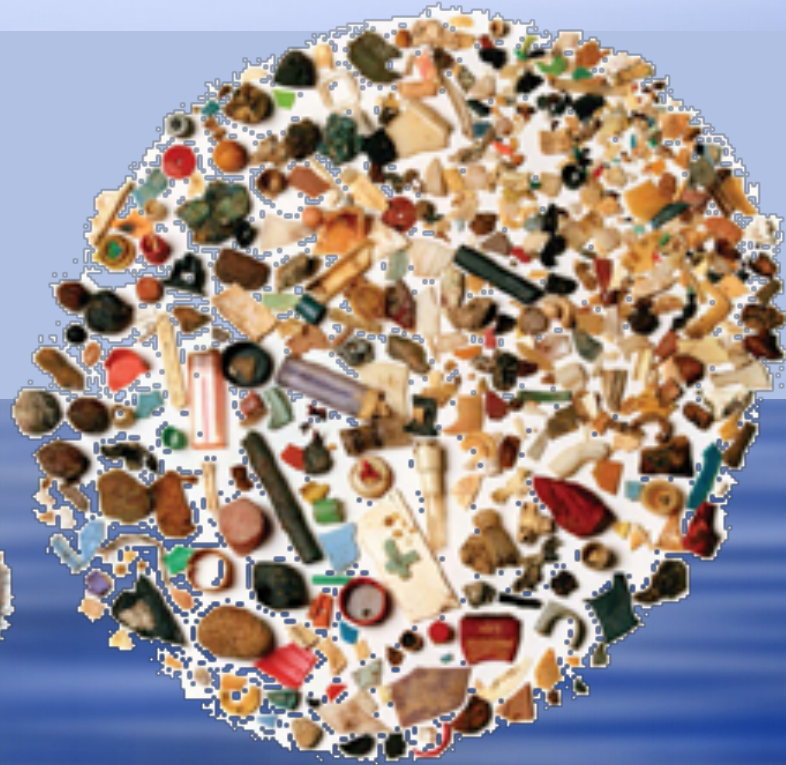


Gregg Segal



Rainbow Runner

17 fragments of plastic in its stomach



All of this (more than a half-pound of trash) was removed from the stomach of an albatross, a large sea bird

What does this look like?



Turtles often mistake plastic bags for jellyfish.



Photo courtesy of Ron Prendergast, Melbourne Zoo



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Many kinds of animals are hurt from plastic bags blown out to sea.



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Do you think plastic six pack holders REALLY strangle animals?



YES... plastic is very, very strong.



Snapping turtle
June, 2000



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<http://www.auduboninstitute.org/zoo>

What Can You Do?

- ◆ Throw your trash in the trash cans
- ◆ Pick up the trash off the floor
- ◆ You can reuse your bags
- ◆ Tell your friends what you learned
- ◆ Beach clean up parties

Thank you for taking the time to learn
about our oceans and sea animals.

