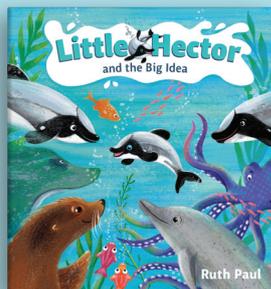
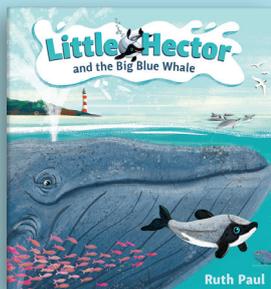
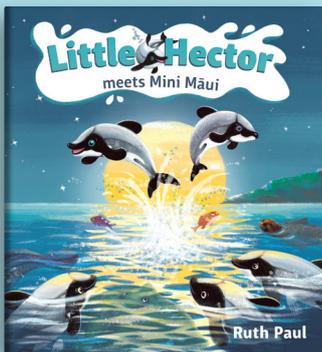




Little Hector's Beach Clean Up Pack!



Organising a beach clean-up is a great way to help keep Little Hector's (and Mini Māui's) home safe.



\$1 of every book sale goes to NZ Whale & Dolphin Trust



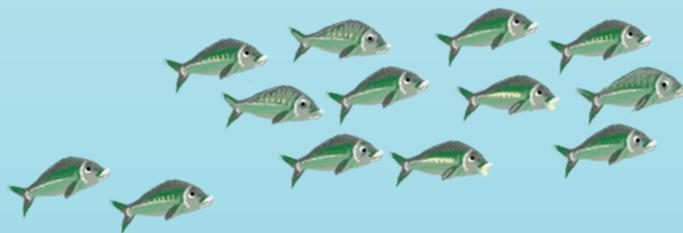
Your Mission!

The ocean is home to 97% of life on Earth! So it's super important that we do our part to keep the seas safe and clean for the creatures who live in it.

Unfortunately, the biggest threat to our marine environments is rubbish thrown away by humans. Every year more than 7 billion tonnes of rubbish makes its way into the sea, harming and endangering marine wildlife, including dolphins just like Little Hector and Mini Maui.

One way to help could be to organise your own beach clean-up! Beach clean-ups are a great way to teach kids about the life-cycle of our rubbish and the importance of taking care of our surroundings.

You could keep it small with your family and friends, or you could use this pack to get more volunteers from your community involved!

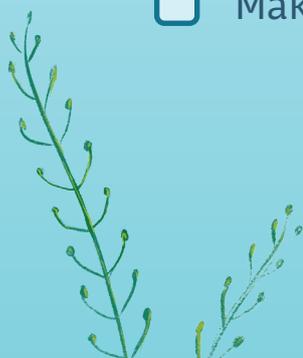


Fact: It will take at least 400 years for a plastic bottle to break down in a marine environment.



One month before:

- Find a friend (or a group of friends) to help you organise. It's good to have a core group of volunteers and it's more fun than organising alone!
- Identify your target clean-up area. If it's private land, make sure you have permission before proceeding.
- If the land is public access, check with your local council to see if permission is necessary. Even better, ask if they'd like to be involved!
- Make a disposal plan for the rubbish you collect. Will the council collect it? Or will you dispose of it at home?
- Consider involving your local school. Contact the principal and see if they'd be interested.
- Make sure you have a plan in the event of a health emergency. Where is the closest hospital? How would you get there?
- Pick a day, start and finish time and advertise! You could post about it online in community message boards (Neighbourly is a good platform), inform the local paper or put up posters in local hot spots (you can use our downloadable poster).
- Make sure to keep a contact list of those who sign up.





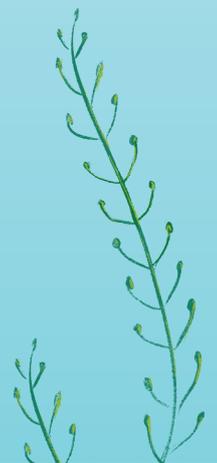
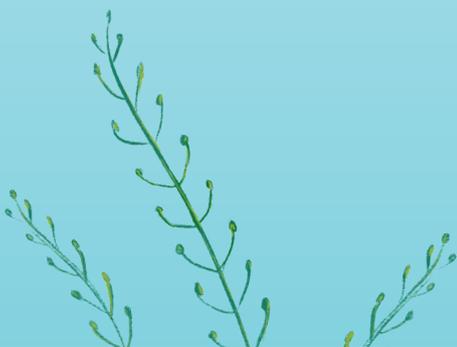
One week before:

- Do you have the right equipment?
 - a)** Rubbish bags and extra pairs of gloves for anybody who forgets.
 - b)** First aid kit in case of small cuts and scrapes.
 - c)** Extra sunscreen.
 - d)** Handwashing supplies (soap, water, buckets, hand sanitiser).
 - e)** Access to vehicles appropriate for the collection of rubbish (trailers are very helpful).

- Designate one of your volunteers as the first aider (this should be somebody who has done a first aid course) and they will take care of the first aid kit on the day.

The day before:

- The day before your clean-up, contact your volunteers to confirm their attendance and to give them:
 - a)** A meeting place.
 - b)** A reminder to wear/bring sunscreen and dress appropriately (closed toed shoes, hat and gloves).
 - c)** Any extra info (if they need to bring a packed lunch etc).





On the day:

- Arrive at least half an hour before your start time and set up a check in area.
- Once everyone arrives, give a brief welcome and talk through how the clean-up will work (remember to separate non-recyclable from recyclable waste etc).
- Ask your first aAider to conduct a safety briefing.
- Divide into groups or pairs, ensuring each group has a good ratio of children to adults.
- Hand out bags and gloves.
- Have fun!





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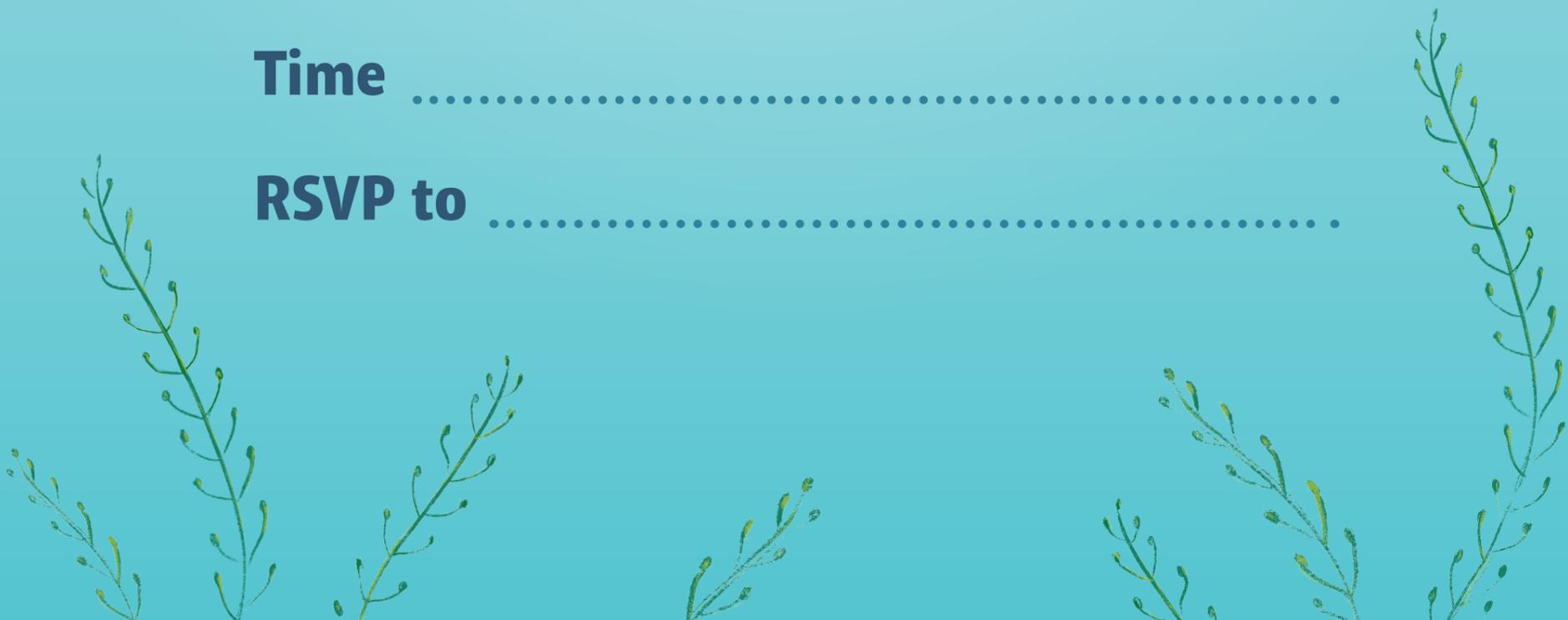


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Help Little Hector Clean Up!



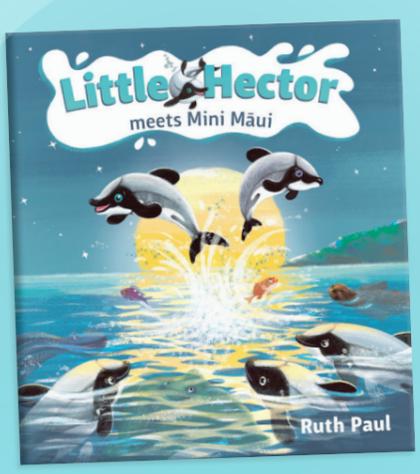
Plastic rubbish in the sea is a big problem for sea creatures because they can eat it or get stuck in it.

Eat sustainably caught fish that isn't caught by trawler nets or set-netting.

Pick up any extra litter you spot so it doesn't end up in the sea.

Buy unpackaged items where possible eg. Buy loose fruit & veges rather than shrink-wrapped.

Swap out plastic bin liners for compostable bags.

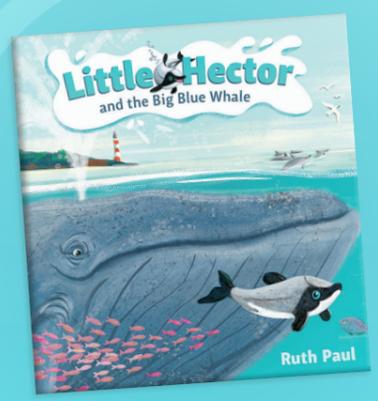


When you're at the beach or on a boat, take all your rubbish home with you.

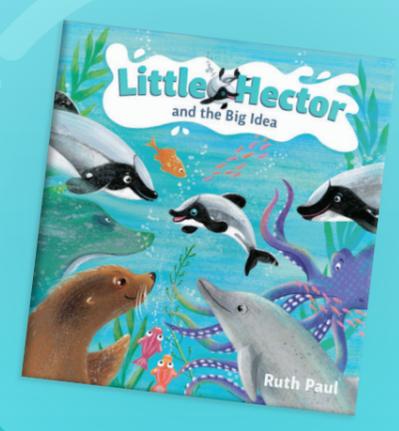
Use paper or reusable bags instead of plastic bags.

Join a local beach clean-up or even help organise one!

Make your school lunch plastic wrapper free.



Use refillable drink bottles and reusable containers, rather than plastic ones that you throw away.



Working together, we can make a big difference!