

<u>Blue carbon</u> – refers to carbon that can be captured within ocean and coastal ecosystems – seagrasses, mangrove swamps and salt marshes. Protecting, restoring and cultivating these habitats can help combat climate change.

Projects, pioneers, entrepreneurs - Retrieved marine plastics, seagrass projects, seaweed as a biofuel? – see links on the <u>YCW 'schools resources' webpage</u>.

It's estimated that cleaning up the Great Pacific Garbage Patch would take 67 ships at least a year! If half the UK made the switch to reusable bottles it's estimated that the plastic bottles saved in just one year could stretch to the moon and back. Oceans have absorbed 90% of the heat caused by climate change since the 1970s.

Seagrass meadows, salt marshes and mangrove swamps can absorb more carbon per hectare than the Amazon rainforest.



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