

# How Does Marine Plastic Waste Occur?

Most marine plastic waste (PET bottles, plastic bags, etc.) originates on land through littering, illegal dumping, and other activities. It then flows through rivers due to rain and wind, eventually reaching the ocean.

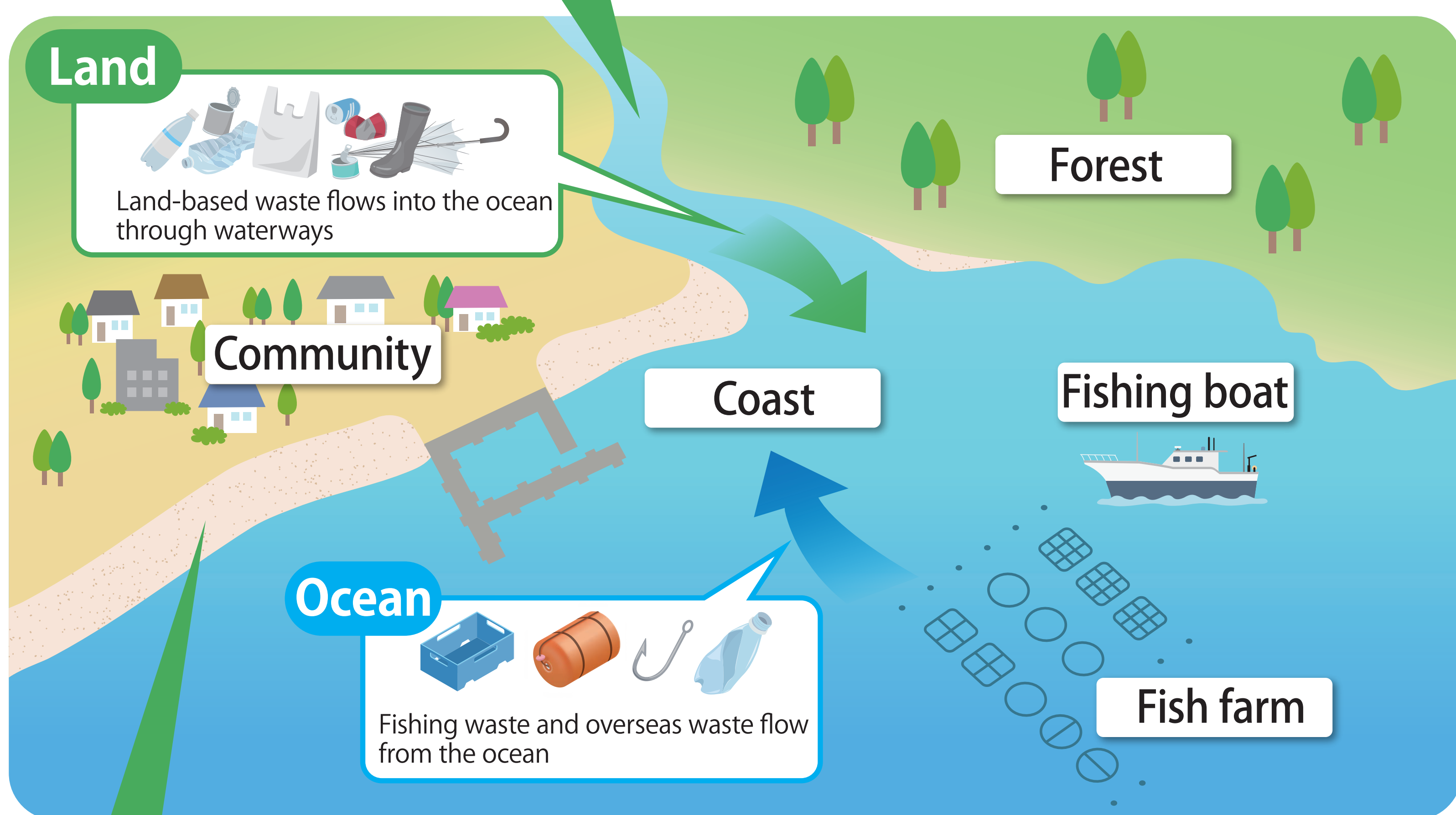
This is why ocean waste and river waste are very similar.



Riverbank



Garbage found on the riverbank



Garbage washed up on the shore



Flowerpot



Plastic umbrella handle