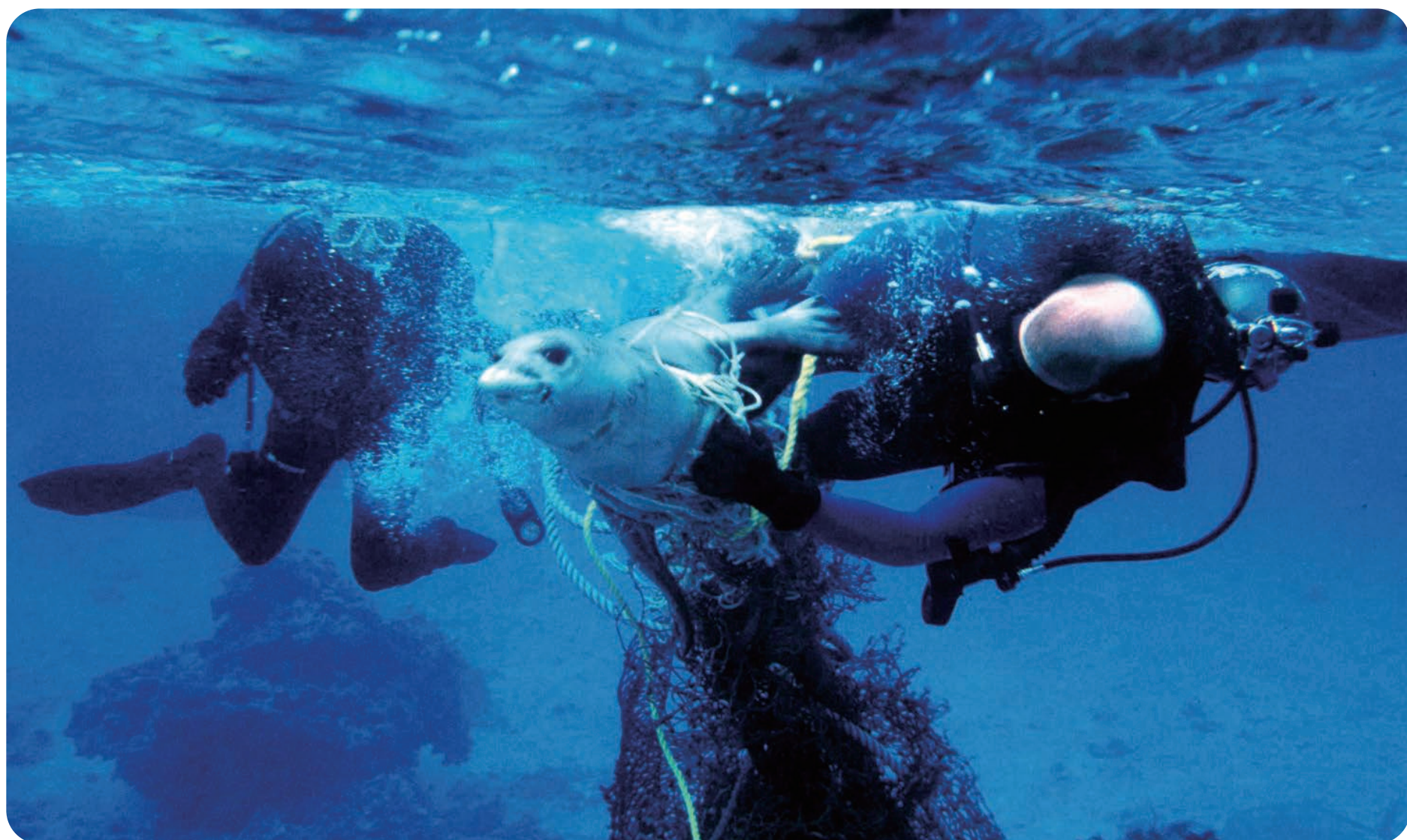
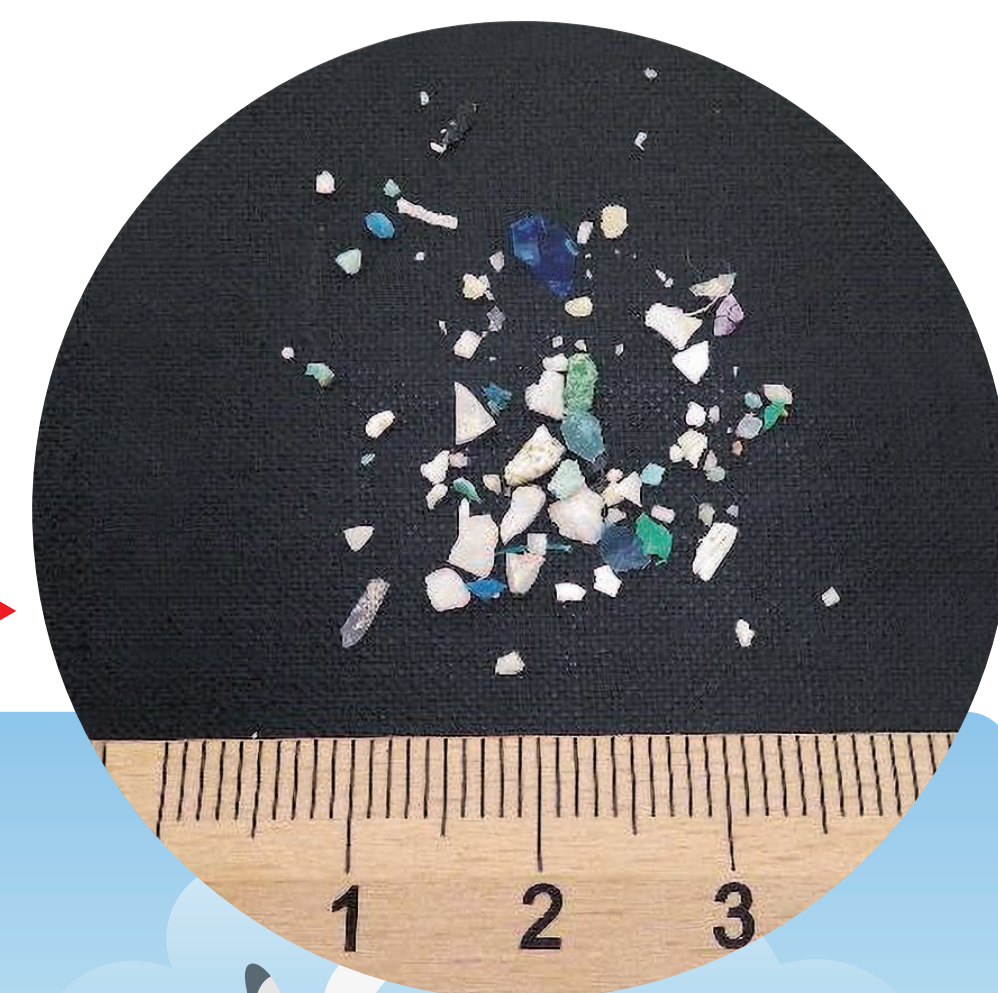


# Plastic Waste: Polluting the Ocean and Harming Living Creatures

Marine plastic waste not only pollutes the ocean, but also causes harm to living creatures.



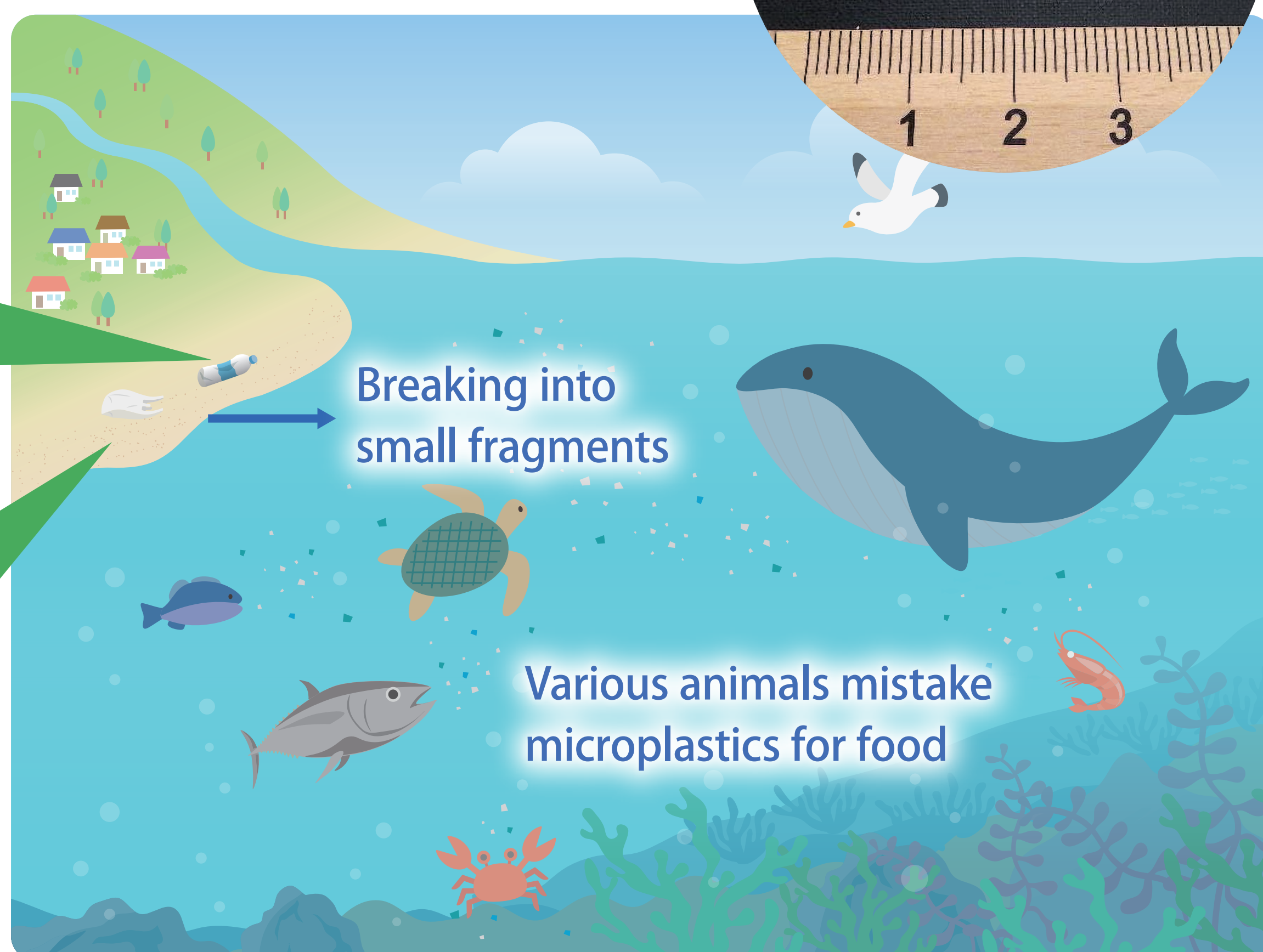
What's more, marine plastic waste breaks down into pieces smaller than five millimeters due to sunlight and waves, becoming **microplastics**.



Deteriorated PET bottle



Small pieces of plastics found on the beach



**Microplastics** are eaten by fish and other creatures that mistake them for food, and we humans may then eat these fish. Additionally, since microplastics are extremely small, they are more difficult to collect, allowing them to accumulate in the ocean, and become a global issue.