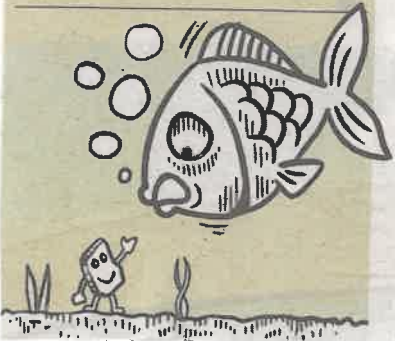
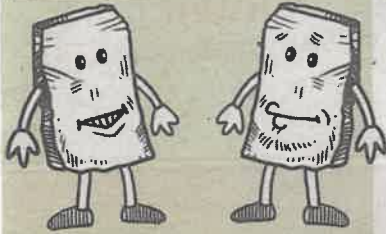


Do you know ...

what is microplastic pollution?

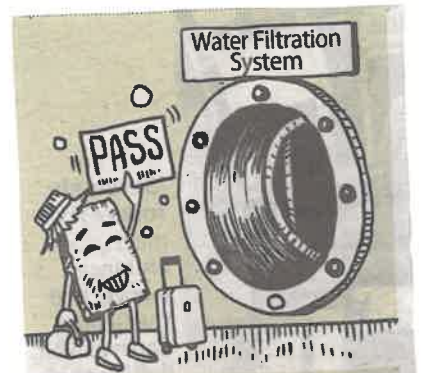


> It comes from a variety of sources, including larger plastic debris that degrades into tiny pieces.

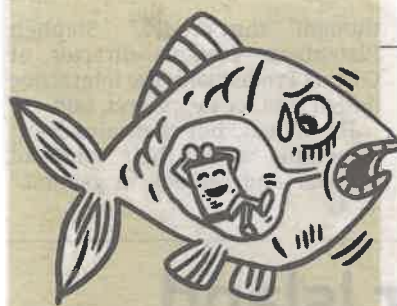


5mm

> It is less than 5mm in length, about the size of a sesame seed. Microplastics are prevalent in the oceans due to global plastic pollution and can be found in the seafood.



> It can pass easily through a water filtration system and contaminate the oceans and lakes, posing a serious threat to aquatic life as it mistakes plastic for food.



> Microplastics have been detected in the seafood. However, the health risk of consuming it is still unknown as studies are ongoing.

> According to the United Nations, around eight million tonnes of plastic end up in the oceans yearly. It is expected to triple in the 10 years unless something is done.

> One way to reduce this type of pollution is to say no to the use of disposable plastic straws, bags and containers.



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