

# Research and analysis: Future of the sea: hazardous chemicals and physical contaminants

This report summarises what is known about the presence of pollution in the UK and its Overseas Territories, and its impacts. It explores:

- the current levels of chemical and physical pollutants (such as radioactivity, noise, light pollutants) and likely future trends
- the implications of pollution for marine biodiversity, fisheries and seafood
- international and regional legislation to regulate pollutants

It was commissioned as part of the Foresight [Future of the Sea project](#).