* Ciao Carola, come stai?
* Hi Martina, I’m fine thanks; and you?
* Sto bene grazie. Oggi parleremo di inquinamento marino: Carola, cosa puoi dirci su questo argomento?
* Well , sea pollution is a serious problem. For many years , humans have believed the sea could resist to any kind of litters we produce, but in this way, seas and oceans are now real rubbish dump.
* (MARTINA) Purtroppo! Abbiamo gettato tutto in mare. Nel nostro paese impianti di depurazione assenti o mal funzionanti , uso eccessivo di fertilizzanti e pesticidi sono le principali cause.

You are right! Unfortunately in our country there isn’t an efficient purification plant and pesticides make the situation even worse. What happens in your countries?

* Sai quali sono I principali rifiuti che causano l’inquinamento marino?
* The marine litters are all the solid things rejected, abandoned or lost into the sea; plastic, wood metal, glass, rubber, clothes, paper ecc. are the most common. But also the illegal waste disposal of industrial litters, released by ships and oil rig into the sea are very dangerous for the sea. And also fishing represents a great form of environmental pollution through fishing lines, fishing webs which are accidentally or voluntarily lost into the sea.

Ragazzi, è così anche da voi?

Guys , is it like that in your countries? Is sea pollution as serious as in Italy?

* È vero che l’inquinamento ha diversi impatti sull’ ambiente?
* Actually there are different kind of impacts, for example the ecological one is lethal for plants and animals; the economical impact reduces tourism, causes mechanical deseases and also important costs for environmental improvement.
* (MARTINA)Sapevi che anche il rumore e le vibrazioni prodotte in mare dalle attività umane possono interferire con la vita animale? I cetacei sono quelli che risentono maggiormente dell’inquinamento acustico..
* Yes you are right. Acoustic pollution is very dangerous for whales and dolphins for example. Do you know anything about this kind of pollution?
* And because of the currents in some marine areas there is a big concentration of waste which forms huge spots of floating litters.
* (MARTINA) Per concludere l’inquinamento marino non rappresenta una minaccia solo per gli organismi marini ma influisce anche sulla salute umana provocando problemi igienico- sanitari.

I agree. Sea pollution may have great consequences on the human nature. Listen guys, are they taking steps in your countries to face this problem? Let us know please!

* Grazie Carola per essere stata qui con noi.
* Thank you too, Martina
* Bye-bye.