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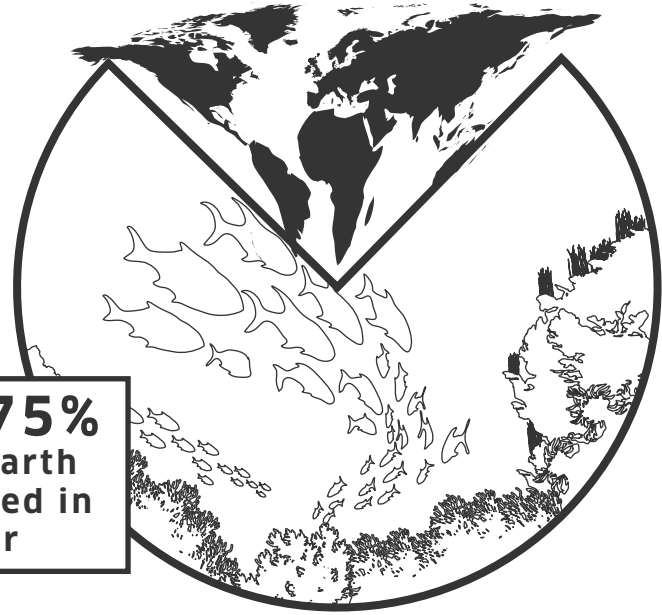
### THE OCEAN

**97% of life on Earth is in the sea**

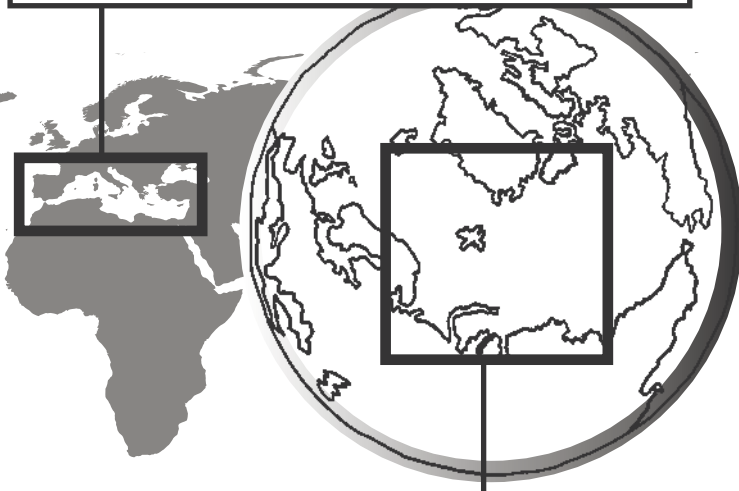
Around **20%** of people in Scotland live within one kilometre of the sea



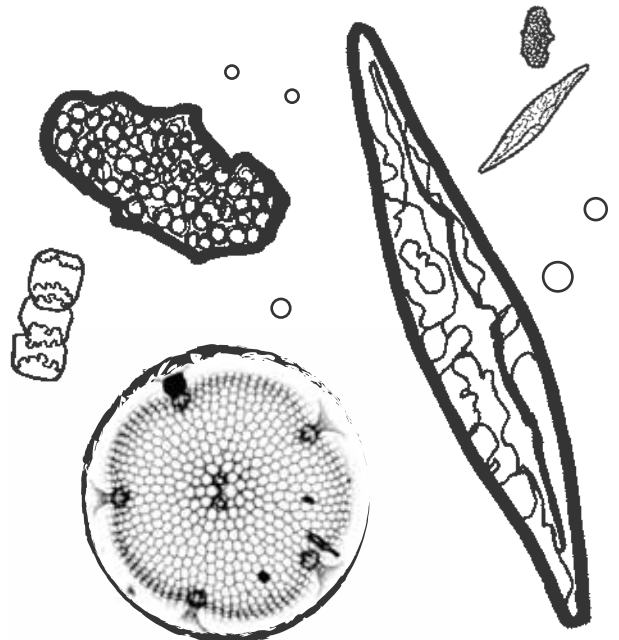
Around **75%** of the earth is covered in water



The largest sea in the world - the Mediterranean - is **965,000** square miles



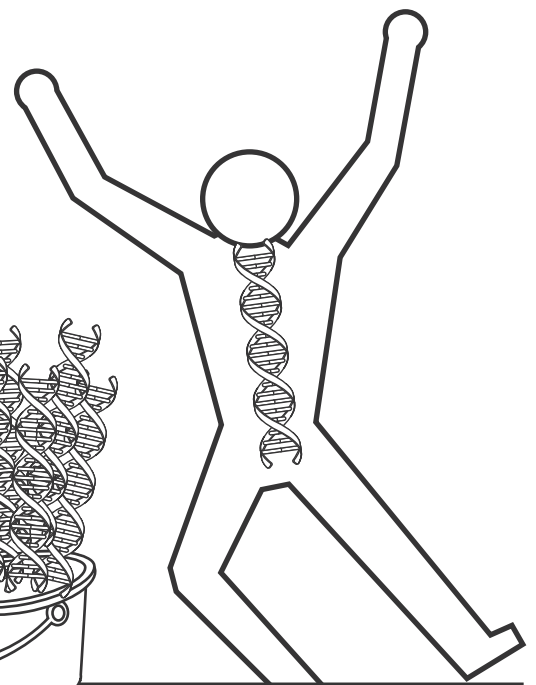
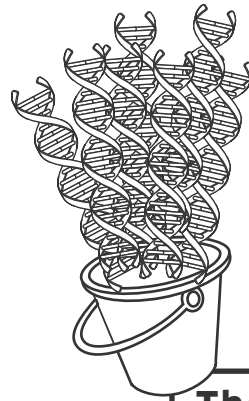
There are **50,000** different types of micro-organisms in Scotland's seas



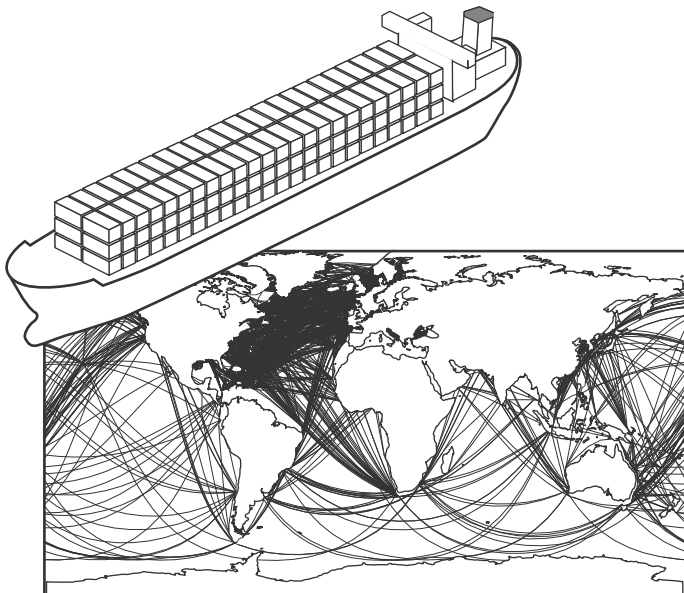
but the smallest ocean in the world - the Arctic - is **5,427,000** square miles



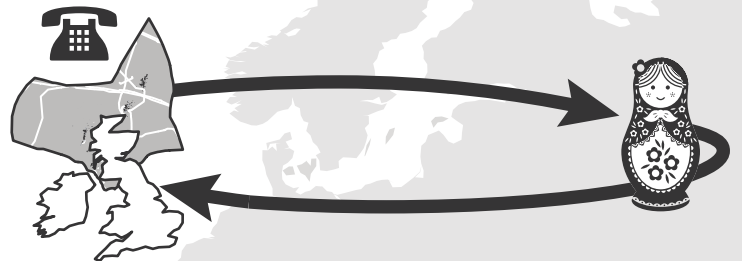
**80%** of all pollution in seas and oceans comes from the land, either as litter or waste



There is more DNA in a **bucket** of **seawater** than in the human body



over **90%** of trade among countries is carried by ships



There are nearly **5,000** kms of active telecommunications cable in Scottish seas - the same as a return flight from Scotland to Moscow in Russia.

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