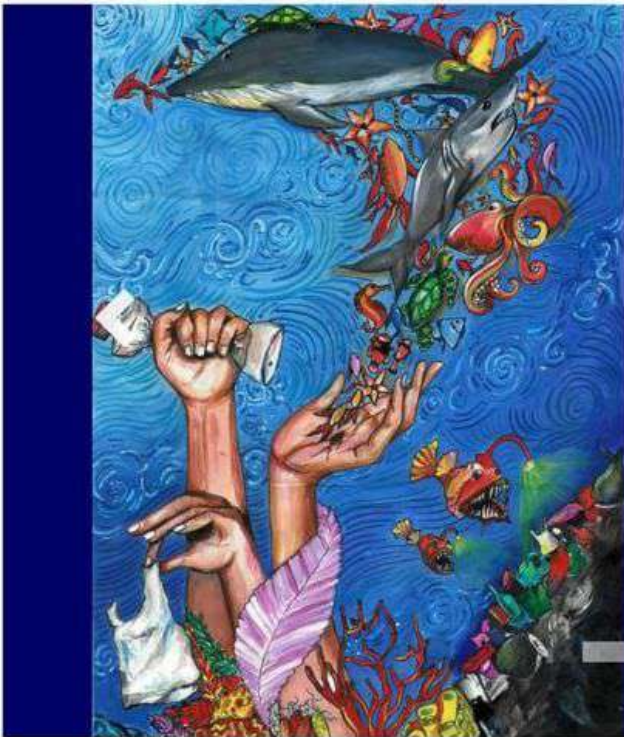


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THRIVE, SURVIVE AND FLOURISH Mother Nature has been very kind to us for providing us with great endeavors. Yet, humankind has exploited it to the very core. The painting depicts how the excessive use of plastic and other excreta affects marine life, not just at the ocean level but deep below the benthic sea. It ruins the ecosystem and is a great terror to biodiversity. The hands provide uninterrupted life of the marine depicting its extravagance and importance. The flora must also be conserved so that they would not be buried in books alone. By raising our voices we can clear the marine again, to thrive, survive and flourish.

