

The Plastic Times Lesson 5: Midway News Article

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## MIDWAY, A PLASTIC ISLAND

CNN's Nick Paton Walsh investigates how the plastic we throw away everyday enters the food chain and possibly, our bodies.

Every time you throw away a piece of plastic, it can be felt here in paradise. This is

Midway Island in the Pacific

Ocean. One of the most remote
places on the planet, but one of

## Newspaper report conclusion:

So much of the damage in these waters is hidden, but what is not is terrifying. To native Hawaiians this is the crucible of life. They call it Papahānaumokuākea; where Father Sky meets Mother Earth. The spot just past the horizon we come from when we're born, and back to which we go when we die. Yet despite being as far from

civilisation as you can get, civilisation has imposed itself here, everywhere.

This is the cost of our convenience world. Of the tiny disposable choices we make to throw something away, often several times an hour. And this is just the beginning of what those choices are doing to our planet and future.