Fact sheet:

1. Plastic pollution can now be found on every beach in the world, from busy tourist beaches to uninhabited, tropical islands nowhere is safe.
2. Scientists have recently discovered microplastics embedded deep in the Arctic ice.
3. In 1950, the world’s population of 2.5 billion produced 1.5 million tons of plastic; in 2016, a global population of more than 7 billion people produced over 320 million tons of plastic. This is set to double by 2034.
4. There may now be around 5.25 trillion macro and microplastic pieces floating in the open ocean. Weighing up to 269,000 tonnes.
5. Approximately, 5,000 items of marine plastic pollution have been found per mile of beach in the UK.
6. Over 150 plastic bottles litter each mile of UK beaches.
7. Recent studies have revealed marine plastic pollution in 100% of marine turtles, 59% of whales, 36% of seals and 40% of seabird species examined.
8. 100,000 marine mammals and turtles and 1 million sea birds are killed by marine plastic pollution annually.

**Phrases**

First of all,

Firstly,

In addition to this,

Additionally,

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To inform you

I would also like to make you aware that

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I would like to suggest that

To improve this situation,

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Large quantities of

In order to ensure our future, it is important

Plastic pollution is one of the major issues affecting the ocean

**Closing remarks**

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Thank you for considering my views.