

# Different types of pollution and how they affect us

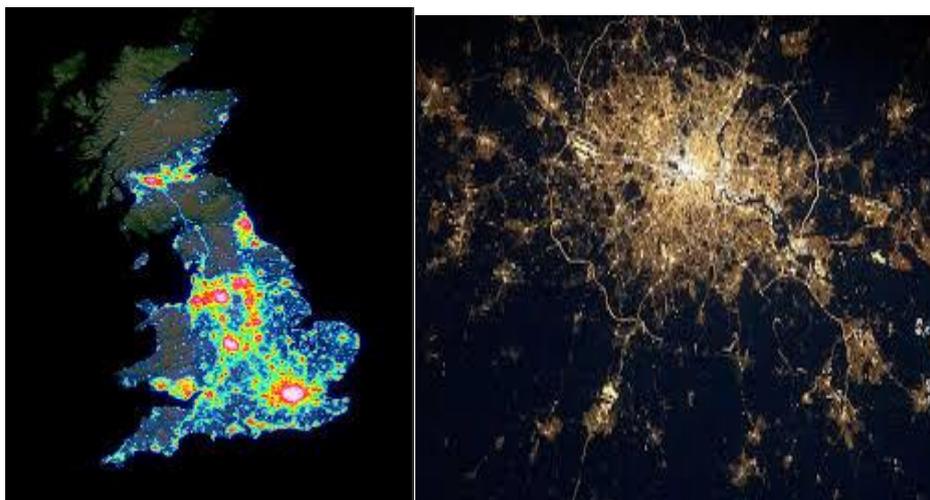
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Pollution is an important but ignored issue in the present day, but what exactly is pollution?

Let's look at three examples and consider the ways we could change.

## Light Pollution

There are many types of pollution, but one of the more ignored types of pollution is light pollution. Light pollution, also known as photo pollution, is when unnecessary artificial light gets released into the sky, washing out starlight. It makes astronomy very difficult. It all seems very irrelevant, but it also interrupts ecosystems and can do damage the eyes over a long period of time. It's not only the sky that's affected by light pollution. Light goes in many directions and nocturnal animals start thinking it's day when it's night.



L. The UK by night.  
R. London by night

## Marine Pollution



Marine plastic pollution is one of the most serious emerging threats to the health of oceans and a major hazard to marine biodiversity. Each year at least eight million tonnes of plastic is leaked into the ocean per year. This is set to quadruple by 2050 unless major reform is put in place. China is the top plastic dumper in the world throwing away around a million tonnes of plastic into the sea by itself. That's more than 12.5% of the world plastic thrown away by China alone.

### **Air Pollution**



Air pollution is probably the most acknowledged form of pollution listed in this report, but is still an important issue. Air pollution occurs when harmful gases or particles are introduced into Earth's atmosphere. Both natural processes and human activity contribute and generate air pollution to the atmosphere. Theoretically, we could end the world by spending too much time playing video games. Carbon dioxide is a good indicator of how much fossil fuel is burned. We could and should drive less, unless you have an electric car, and make sure to avoid using gasoline or other fossil fuels.