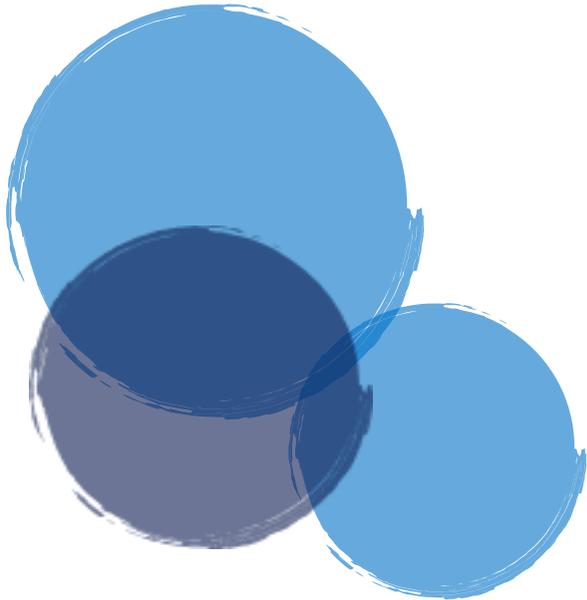


## Pollution and its risks

Once water becomes polluted, it can be hard or even impossible to clean it again. That is why we need to protect the little fresh water we have.

Chemicals, paint, toxins – they can all get absorbed into the ground and make the water dirty and not drinkable.

Today, it is almost normalised to see someone throw trash or, for example, water bottles into seas or rivers, and that is one of the biggest issues we have nowadays – normalising doing something that will, in the end, destroy us all. Plastic pollution is another important issue.



“Thousands have  
lived without love,  
not one without  
water.”

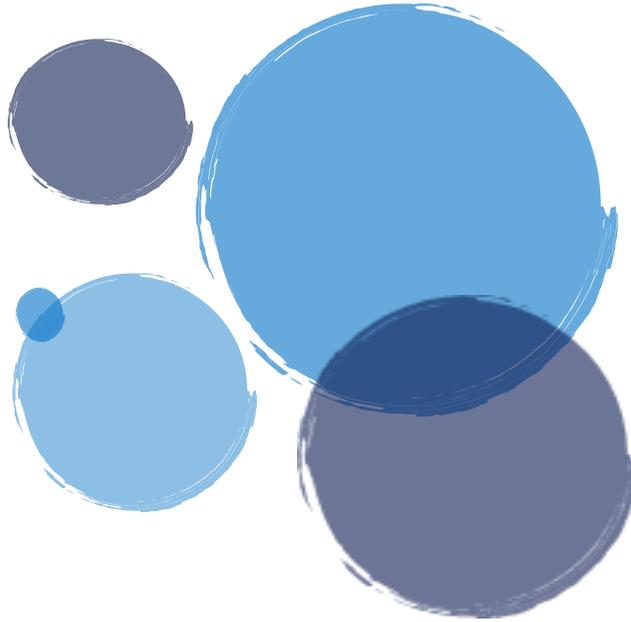
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## Biological take on water

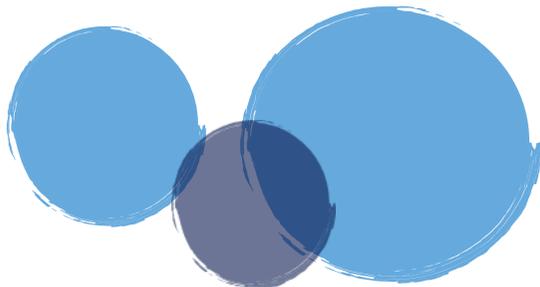
Every organism on Earth today contains, at the very least, 50% of water in their bodies, and some, like jellyfish, have astonishing 95%! Almost everything our body does includes water and couldn't work without it like pumping blood, breathing, digesting – basically what you need to live. It also regulates our temperature and gives us energy.

## What is water?

Water is a liquid without color, smell or taste. It's necessary for people to live and do various other every day things like drink, wash clothes and dishes, cook, etc.

## How rare is drinkable water?

Water covers 75% of Earth's surface. It's in all the rivers, seas, oceans and lakes. Even though there is so much water literally everywhere, only 3% of all of that is drinkable and out of those 3% only one third is accessible to us.



## A day without water

There are many places in world where having fresh daily water is not a privilege. Around 2.2 billion people globally lack access to safely managed drinking water and about 25 % health care facilities have no water supply. This is the case in a lot of countries in Africa, South Asia and parts of Latin America. Even though this is not the case for our country, there are people who live this way and we need to raise awareness about it.

## Our source of water

My town's main source of water is a river in Split named Jadro. Although it's not in a critical condition, there are a lot of things that can be a problem in the future like traffic, industry and climate change. There's not a lot locals can do in this situation, but with the help of EU funded projects, things are slowly progressing.

