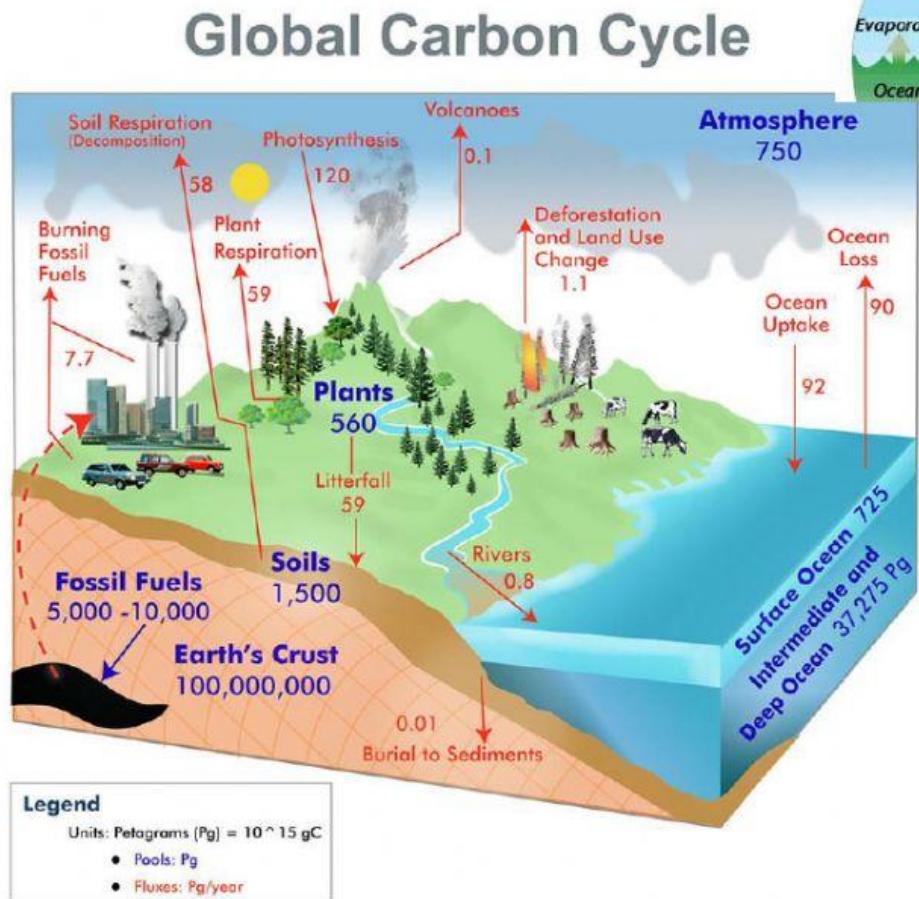
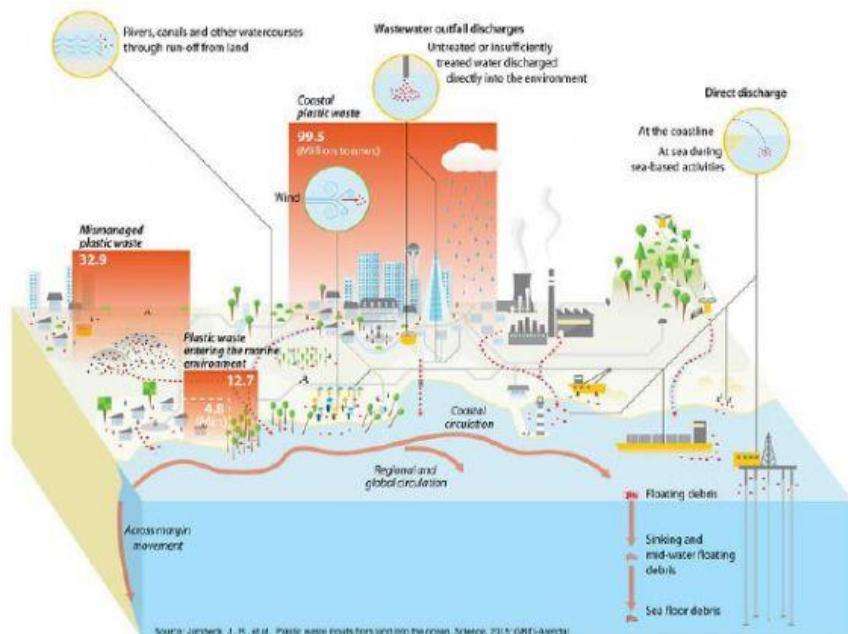


9.1 Importance of the Oceans



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1. How do the oceans moderate Earth's temperature?
2. What role do oceans play in the water cycle?
3. Why do oceans have so much biomass?