There's a veritable ton of plastic floating around in the world's oceans — between 10 and 30 billion pounds of it, to be imprecise — and more than half of it comes from just _____[1] countries.

Those countries are China, Indonesia, the Philippines, _____[2], and Vietnam, according to a _____[3] from the Ocean Conservancy and the McKinsey Center for Business and Environment. Here's why these countries are on the _____[4] for up to 60 percent of the world's ocean plastic, from GlobalPost:

As Asian economies rise, people have more _____[5] to blow on potato chips and Cokes at 7-Eleven. But the junk these _____[6] produce often doesn't end up in legit _____[7].

In the five Asian countries listed above, only about 40 percent of garbage is properly _____[8]. Across Asia, trash is often piled up in communal dumps where stray bits are swept up by the _____[9] and cast into the ocean.

Even sanctioned garbage dump sites are sometimes intentionally set up near _____[10] that flow into the sea. The reason, according to Ocean Conservancy: "Waste will intermittently be carried away by heavy rains or current, refreshing the capacity of the dump to receive more waste."

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