Worksheet 3

Our Wadden Sea in danger!

Information:

The Wadden Sea is habitat as well as a food source for a lot of living creatures. But this habitat is threatened in many different ways.
Because of global warming the ocean levels are likely to rise. This would have severe consequences for the Wadden Sea and wash away our beloved sandbanks and seals. Where else could our friends take a break then?
Also, oil-pollution from ships that pass through the ocean poisons the water and the seals every day.
Fishermen's trawl nets destroy the bottom of the sea as well.
Floating plastic garbage contaminates the habitat Wadden Sea.
Garbage in the marine environment presents a continual threat for the animals. This is a worldwide problem that does not stop at the borders of the Wadden Sea and is caused mainly by plastic garbage. Packaging accounts for about 40% of the garbage. Lost nets account for 28 % of the garbage. Plastic garbage does not dissolve; it is grinded smaller and smaller in the ocean until it is so small that it ends up in the animals' food and poisons them.

Task:

1. Summarize the most important issues that present a threat to the Wadden Sea.

2. What could we do in order to protect the Wadden Sea with all its inhabitants? Think about measures to protect the Wadden Sea and talk about your ideas in class together.