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On Aug. 20, the Navy Ministry (Secretaria de Marina) reported that a monthly average of 150 metric tons of solid and toxic waste collect in Mexican territorial waters in the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of California, and the Pacific Ocean. The waste material includes propanes, heptanes, hexanes, and other petrochemical composites. Chemical reactions caused by combining these composites with sea water brine cause irreversible damage to numerous marine species. (Source: Spanish news service EFE, 08/20/92)

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