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[***Promoting regional approaches to tackle the global problem of marine debris (litter)***](https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/46466)

*Period covered:*

2019 update (produced July 2020)

[IUCN Constituencies implementing this Resolution](https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48653)

*IUCN Members:*

Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB) / Sweden

Coastal Oceans Research and Development - Indian Ocean (East Africa) in Kenya

Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in Viet Nam

Thailand Environmental Institute Foundation

Wereld Natuur Fonds - Nederland (WWF - Netherlands) / The Netherlands

Western Indian Ocean Marine Sciences Association

Wildlands Conservation Trust – South Africa

WWF-Australia (WWF) / Australia

*IUCN Commissions:*

IUCN Species Survival Commission 2017-2020 (SSC)

IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law 2017-2020 (WCEL)

*IUCN Secretariat:*

Yes

*Other non-IUCN related organisations:*

Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Health and Environment

APWC - Asia Pacific Waste Consultants

ASEAN - Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm Conventions

Coca-Cola Foundation

Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Ever Green Labs – Viet Nam

Gallifrey Foundation

Glispa

Indian Ocean Commission

Jan and Oscar Foundation Thailand

Kenya Association of Manufacturers

Kenya Centre for Environmental Justice and Development

Kenya Private Sector Alliance

Kenya Watamu Marine Association

Mava Foundation

Mozambique 3R

Mozambique Ministry of Sea, Inland Waters, and Fisheries

Nairobi Convention

National Environment Management Authority of Kenya

NORAD

Plastics Europe

Plastics SA

PRIF

PRIMAT Foundation

Prince Albert II Foundation

Searious Business

SERF/University of Manitoba

Sida

Southern African Development Community

SPREP

Swedish Postcode Foundation

Thailand Department of Environmental Quality Promotion

Thailand Department of Marine and Coastal Resources

Thailand Joint Chambers of Commerce

Thailand Public Private Partnership for Plastic and Waste Management

UNEP

Viet Nam Business for the Environment

Viet Nam Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and the Environment

[Implementation](https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48653)

*Indicate which actions have been carried out to implement this Resolution:*

1) Building partnerships,

2) Promoting knowledge and innovation,

3) Supporting capacity-building,

4) Informing policy, and

5) Engaging business

*Describe the results/achievements of the actions taken:*

MARPLASTICCs Project: East and Southern Africa and Southeast Asia (Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, Thailand and Vietnam) – Project Ongoing

Achievements:

1. Successful review of current methodologies for measuring plastic leakage. Launch of publication, [“Review of plastic footprint methodologies: laying the foundation for the development of a standardised plastic footprint measurement tool”](https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48510)
2. Finalisation and application of the IUCN-UNEP hotspot methodology in Vietnam and Thailand, and preparatory assessments for Kenya, Mozambique, and South Africa.
3. Launch of five circular economy demonstrations in the 5 target countries.
4. Production of five national legal and policy scoping reports.
5. Organising and contributing to 65 workshops and meetings to share knowledge and best practices related to plastic pollution.
6. Supporting the development of the [Plastic Leak Project (PLP) tool](https://www.iucn.org/news/business-and-biodiversity/202002/plastic-leak-project-publishes-first-standardised-guidelines-measure-plastic-pollution-corporate-value-chains#:~:text=The%20Plastic%20Leak%20Project%20(PLP,actions%20on%20addressing%20plastic%20pollution.&text=Based%20on%20a%20leading%2Dedge,plastic%20leakage%20across%20the%20globe.) for businesses.

PWFI Plastic Waste Free Island project in Pacific (Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa) and Caribbean (Saint Lucia, Grenada, Antigua & Barbuda) regions – Project ongoing

Achievements:

1. Hosted Pacific and Caribbean inception meetings for the project in Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Saint Lucia, Grenada and Antigua & Barbuda with key stakeholders.
2. Engaged the Australian-based consultancy company Asia Pacific Waste Consultants (APWC), and the Netherlands-based company Searious Business to deliver outputs in both regions
3. In the Caribbean Region, the project is being executed by IUCN’s Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (IUCN ORMACC), alongside the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), who is acting as regional implementing partner.

PWFI in Mediterranean (Menorca and Cyprus) – Project ongoing

Achievements:

1. Launched the projects and began work toward a detailed material flow analysis, which will provide information on leakage across tourism, fisheries and waste management sectors.

*What challenges/obstacles have been encountered in the implementation of this Resolution and how were they overcome:*

*None in 2019, see below regarding future actions and COVID-19.*

*Briefly describe what future actions are needed for the implementation of this Resolution:*

Developing a tool that calculates per region financial impacts of plastic pollution. This tool needs to account for economic losses from shipping, tourism, fisheries, human health, ecosystem and biodiversity impacts, meaning the Total Cost of Plastic Pollution. This tool would give any regional organizations and national governments the capacity of monetize their losses due to plastic pollution.

Future actions that were to take place in early 2020 may have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Most projects will proceed as is deemed possible in each of the countries and there may be extensions to some projects.

[Status of implementation](https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48653)

*Status of implementation for this Resolution:*

Underway: implementation well-advanced

*Are these actions planned for yet?*

Yes