

Declaration of Intent

Plastics Sectoral Forum – For a Clean Ocean

Plastics provide significant social benefits including energy and resources saving. However, it is of utmost importance to foster proper disposal to plastics in order to close the recycling cycle and fully avoid losses to both land and marine environments.

Waste management is a widespread and complex issue with environmental, economic and social challenges that cannot be beat off by only one entity, sector or government. Therefore, the organizations hereinbelow are firmly committed to the principle that plastic waste does not belong to oceans.

By taking into account that it is a problem for us all and that, by working together, we will be able to figure out robust solutions to such a complex issue, those organizations have joined forces in order to work with the government, NGOs, researchers and other agents of the society to fight against marine litter and commit to:

1. Coming up with solutions, by working in partnerships to avoid marine litter;
2. Working with the scientific community to better understand and evaluate the environment, origins, impacts and solutions to marine litter;
3. Contributing to the development and implementation of public policies and good practices on a scientific basis to avoid marine litter;
4. Participating in a network of agents committed to understanding, preventing and reducing marine litter on an environmentally sustainable basis by contributing to the spread of knowledge concerning ecoefficient systems on waste management and other practices, especially in seashore communities as well as in those belonging to watershed areas;
5. Fostering the development of national, regional and local goals aiming at reducing marine litter;
6. Increasing the opportunities of plastic products collection for further proper disposal;
7. Improving the processes regarding the control of plastics raw material to the environment and encouraging the participants of the plastic industry to do the same;
8. Supporting the disclosure and implementation of the 'Declaration of the Global Plastics Associations for Solutions on Marine Litter', of which Plastivida is signatory, the 'Honolulu Declaration and Strategy'^C and the 'National Policy on Plastic Waste'^D.

Having said that, the signatories of this **Declaration of Intent** highlight the way they figure out marine litter problem and help the search for solutions.

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- B. www.unep.org/pdf/PressReleases/Honolulu_Commitment-FINAL.pdf
- C. www.unep.org/gpa/documents/publications/honolulustrategy.pdf
- D. www.mma.gov.br/port/conama/legiabre.cfm?codlegi=636