

Indonesia Intervention on Agenda Item 6

Thank you madam co-chairs,

Firstly, we appreciate the Secretariat for preparing a comprehensive discussion paper on environmental, social, economic, and public safety impacts of marine litter. We have some comments on the discussion paper agenda item 6 as follows:

1. We urge member states to develop comprehensive guidelines to measure and value the impacts of marine litter and microplastics to all aspects that mentioned above. The guidelines are important to count scientifically the lost of environmental, social, financial, and public safety. Hence, it can be used as reference to calculate the cost of improvement, restoration or rehabilitation.
2. The impact of marine litter and microplastics in Indonesia is worse than expectation because we have several Sea National Parks nationwide that receive more destructive environmental impacts compare to other areas. Since the Parks is mostly as both international and national tourism destinations, the impacts of financial and social is also higher than estimation. To tackle this issue, we are now conducting several priority programmes to improve solid waste management in international and national tourism destinations including several Sea National Parks with the objectives are to prevent waste plastics leakage and to collect marine plastic litter to be recycled. The locations are in Bali Island, Labuan Bajo and Komodo National Parks, Thousand Islands National Park, and Banyuwangi Regency. The other 8 Sea National Park will be target locations for next coming years.
3. MOEF had conducted monitoring and survey on marine litter using UNEP and NOAA Guideline in 18 coastal areas that located in 18 of 25 priority regencies/cities in 2017. The programme will be continued next couple years in order to complete the monitoring and survey by adding several items including mesoplastics and microplastics, site location, floating litter, and sea-based litter. The result will be very important as reference to calculate and value the impacts of marine litter and microplastics.
4. The Project STOP (Stopping the Tap on Ocean Plastics); a joint project between MOEF, Regency of Banyuwangi, and Systemiq Indonesia that is conducted in Banyuwangi, will also measure the impacts of marine plastic to environmental, financial, and social aspect of fisherman livelihood and fisheries industry.