

### Your views on major barriers to combatting marine litter and microplastic

As an environmental organisation we are working in different fields and plastic is also a measure issues to work on. As of now the use of plastic is increasing day by day and there is not such a control at policy level on plastic. Hence it results in plastic waste at waste dump yard and marine pollution. The measure barriers in combatting marine litter and microplastics are like below;

- Lack of policies and governmental bans on the use and manufacturing of plastics (on bases of types of plastics).
- Most of the national and international treaty focuses on impacts of marine littering instead of the true cause of marine littering or steps towards avoiding marine littering. This is also a measure barrier as if we can make any treaty which focuses on avoiding marine littering then it will be easy to combat with it.
- Lack of policies to control the different type of plastic manufacturing.
- As the plastic products are user friendly the market requirement of it is very high which also encourages it production.
- Plastic is not taken as hazardous substances which is also a reason of increasing market demand.
- There is no international mechanism that prevents investments in new plastic production facilities, with the alarming result that there will be overproduction of new virgin plastics, making them cheaper and more abundant than ever before.
- Lack of awareness amongst the people regarding the non-eco-friendly nature of plastic and its harmful results in future.

### Your views on potential national, regional and international response options and associated environmental, social and economic costs

- At national, regional or at international level there should be a permanent ban on plastic manufacturing and its use.
- On the bases of harmful results generated due to plastic waste, plastic should be categorised in distinct categories and only the plastic which can be recyclable, and reusable should be allowing to manufacture and use.
- Plastic manufacture and use should be control at state and region level by making such policies to avoid the manufacturing of harmful plastics for the environment.
- Global trade in plastic waste should be restricted.

- Marketing policies can be revised to control the selling of plastic product.
- To control, avoid and mitigate the use of plastic international treaty can make decision on different environmental policies.
- As the plastic has made its strong position in the market just because it is user friendly and in term of cost it is very cheap customer prefers to buy it. If the cost of plastic product increase by adding the environmental taxes or the environment maintenance charges it will directly affect the customer pocket and by this the plastic purchase will be avoided in the market which can be easy to control.
- As the climate change and other environment issues are discussed at international level during COP and Montreal Protocol to take the further step towards it control in term of financial, collaboration, technical and innovation. In the same manner international treaty can design the program to combat with marine litter and microplastic issues.
- Research program and innovation should be made to control it.
- Proper awareness amongst the people at society level by individual and government body will helpful to reduce the plastic demand at individual level.

### Your views on the feasibility and effectiveness of different response options

- All the feasibility and response options suggested in above can make a change in the plastic manufacturing market.
- Marine littering which is a health hazard for the aquatic life can only be controlled by taking such steps.
- As there are number of treaties and programs to conserve the biodiversity as well as to conserve it through the harmful behaviours of humans like conservation programs, animal welfare etc in such a way programs made for marine health can be helpful to control the marine littering.
- Revised policies can be effective in controlling the market demand for plastic.
- Awareness program amongst people can be effective to avoid the use of plastic at individual level.