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COMMUNICATIONS

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National campaign for plastic reduction during the 31st Southeast Asian Games

Funding source: BMU

In Viet Nam, the image of mismanaged plastic waste after sports events has been mentioned again and again. By realizing that, the 31st Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games 31) as an opportunity to propagate and raise awareness about the issues of plastic pollution, as well as encourage the promotion of practice for plastic waste reduction, dedicated to stakeholders in the organization and implementation of SEA Games 31, the Project has coordinated with the Center for Natural Resources and Environment Communication (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment) and the Organizing Committee of SEA Games 31 to implement the Green SEA Games campaign with many plastic reduction practices in important national sports events. In particular, a set of posters and leaflets “Reduce plastic - Choose green” were shared and spread at a number of sports venues and activities of athletes during the 31st SEA Games. Along with that, an electrical handbook was also released to share knowledge and actions for plastic pollution mitigation. “Exchange Trash for Gifts” program can be considered as a new model in this SEA Games. In 4-day-event at My Dinh Stadium and the National Convention Center, nearly 1 ton of plastic waste was collected. The collected plastic waste is recycled by functional units into daily-life products (high-value plastics), or recovered low-value plastic into energy.



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In addition, to support the waste segregation of SEA Games as well as volunteers to understand and know how to collect and sort waste during the events of SEA Games 31, the project also supported to organize 03 training sessions for more than 200 volunteers in Hanoi, Vinh Phu, and Phu Tho. Concurrently, the project also provides tools (sacks, trash pickers...) for volunteers to apply waste segregation and collection at the competition events.

In addition to direct activities, communication on social networking channels (Facebook and Tiktok), as well as through television channels and newspapers has also been promoted with many quality articles for spreading public awareness about environmental protection and plastic waste mitigation, providing knowledge related to plastic pollution, how to segregate plastic waste, and attracting the public interaction and attention with a total of more than 13 million people.

The 1st Technical workshop on Implementing the UNEA Resolution toward an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution

Funding source: BMU



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Assigned by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment to take the lead and provide advice on the implementation of the Scheme on Viet Nam actively preparing and participating in the development of Global Treaty on Marine Plastic Pollution (in accordance with the Prime Minister's Decision No. 1407/QĐ-TTg), as well as in response to the United Nations Environment Assembly's Resolution - "End Plastic Pollution: Towards a legally binding instrument" by 2024, adopted 2nd March,

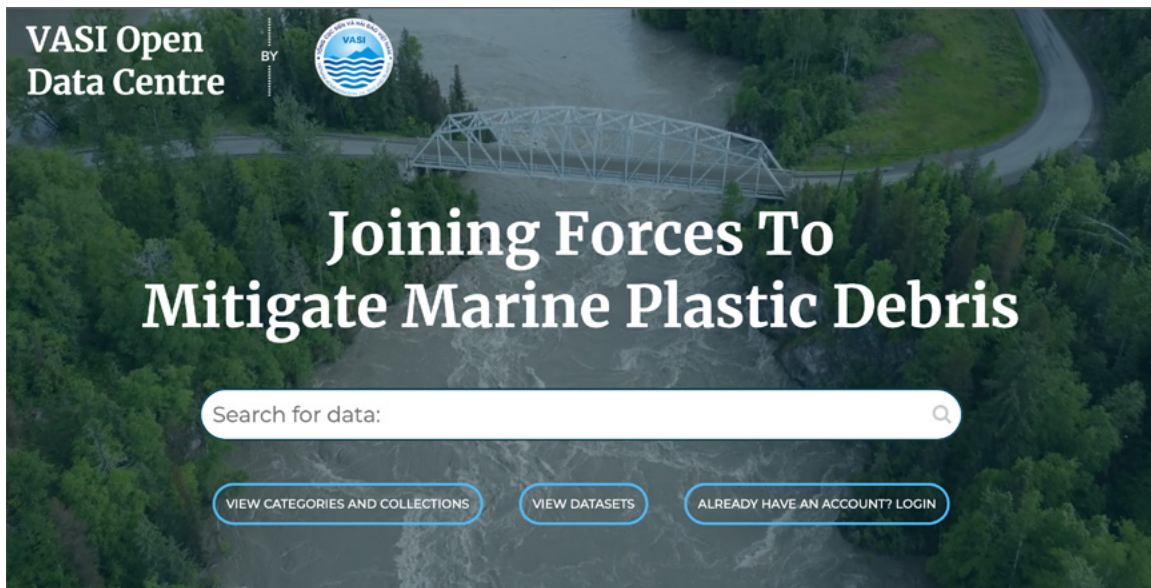
2022, the Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands (VASI) has developed a draft Implementation Plan for the Scheme above. With the support of the Project, the VASI held a technical meeting "Summary of the process for approving the Resolution and updating the draft Implementation Plan of the Prime Minister's Decision No. 1407/QĐ-TTg", and consulted with a number of stakeholders on draft Implementation Plan of the Scheme on April 28, 2022 in Ba Vi, Ha Noi. The workshop was participated in by representatives of relevant ministries/ sectors (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Industry and Trade...), businesses and associations (An Phat Company, Viet Nam Plastics Association, etc.), experts, scientists, news agencies. It is an opportunity for the VASI to introduce and update the Scheme implementation to stakeholders, concurrently obtain comments for the process of Scheme implementation.

Research and develop a set of standards and processes for participating in the use of digital platforms on marine plastic data

Funding source: BMU

In order to serve the propaganda, research, and management of marine plastic waste, and concurrently, consolidate information for the negotiation

process to join the Global Treaty on Marine Plastic Pollution, the Project has supported the Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands to build and develop



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a digital database platform on marine plastic waste at <https://vasiopendata.com> that allow domestic and foreign organizations to share, store, and openly access data on ocean plastic waste.

However, with the variety of projects on plastic waste in general and ocean plastic waste in particular; a wide range of national-scale projects; systematic data sharing, storage, and access is difficult due to no specific unified data structure. Accordingly, the project has developed a set of processes and standards for using a digital platform on marine plastic waste, that allows unlimited information systems to connect and share data on the database platform.

Recently, the Project has implemented and completed research on the general set of rules and procedures for providing, processing, using, and sharing data, as well as researching and building a software

system in order to realize the provision, process, use, and sharing of marine plastic waste data on a digital platform. On June 29, 2022, the Project held a consultation meeting on these research results. There were representatives from management agencies as well as data experts and representatives from other programs and projects in the field of ocean plastic waste to participate in the meeting.

Based on consultations and research results, in the coming time, the project will continue to build a connection model on an integrated platform of sharing data on ocean plastic waste, standards on connecting and exchanging data on ocean plastic waste that meet practical requirements in Viet Nam's marine plastic waste mitigation.

The kick-off conference of developing a national action plan to implement Viet Nam's circular economy

Funding source: BMU

On June 28, 2022, in Hanoi, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, with the support from the Project, held “Kick-off Conference - National action plan on circular economy”. Circular Economy (CE) is currently becoming a common development trend globally and considered as one of the priorities towards sustainable development, including the management of solid waste in general and plastic waste in particular.

With about 500 guests participating in the conference and hundreds of virtual participants, the speakers shared about the successful economic model in the world and region, and then, identified the suitable model that can be applied in Viet Nam. The conference, as an opportunity



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for stakeholders to exchange and discuss mechanism, policies, and financial resources in order to promote the CE models, thereby enhancing cooperation and resource mobilization, especially from the private sector in the development and implementation of CE in Viet Nam, is a critical tool to achieve the goal of net-zero emissions by 2050.



POLICY AND EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

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Actively participate in building and contributing to the work of the National EPR Team

Funding source: BMU

Along with the process of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) development, the Project has actively contributed through dialogues, policy consultations to contribute to the development of EPR content in Decree No. 08/2022/ND-CP and Circular No. 02/2022/TT-BTNMT. In the second quarter of 2022, the Project continues to play an active and pioneering role in the process for information consultation, collection, and sharing to support policy development and implementation of EPR in Viet Nam.

Some workshops that project representative proactively participated in, exchanged, and contributed ideas such as: Workshop for disseminating and training regulations on product and packaging recycling responsibility and provisions on waste treatment responsibility of manufacturers and importers in Hanoi (March 4, 2022) and in Ho Chi Minh city (March 11, 2022); Consultation workshop

on draft Circular promulgating the regulations on management and use of financial contributions of manufacturers and importers to the Viet Nam Environmental Protection Fund to support waste recycling and treatment in Hanoi (June 03, 2022).

In addition, following the work plan, the project will continue to support and cooperate with the Department of Legal Affairs (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment) to deploy a working package on investigation, survey, and proposal of recycling fee (Fs) for products containing plastic and plastic packaging in accordance with the Government's Decree No. 08/2022/ND-CP. This research activity will be carried out in the third quarter of 2022 and is expected to provide rationale and practical bases to help state agencies effectively implement Viet Nam's EPR in the near future.

WWF at the APEC Seminar on Promoting Circular Economy and Sustainable Materials Management to Effectively Address Marine Plastic Litter in the Asia-Pacific Region

Funding source: BMU

Within the working framework of the APEC's Oceans and Fisheries Working Group, on April 26-27, Viet Nam

(Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands - Ministry of Natural Resources

and Environment) hosted a Seminar on Promoting Circular Economy and Sustainable Materials Management to Effectively Address Marine Plastic Litter in the Asia-Pacific Region. The Seminar (virtual and offline) established a platform to convene about 100 representatives of APEC's economies, regional and international organizations as well as ministries and sectors, academia, and related enterprises of Viet Nam. At the workshop, stakeholders shared their views, lessons-learned, best practices and recommendations to combat the issues of ocean plastic waste by accelerating the transition to a circular economy as a model where plastic packaging and short-life products are reduced from design to production.

At the invitation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, through the connection of the Project and WWF-VN, Mr. Eirik Linderbjerg - Global Plastics Policy Manager - WWF International attended and gave a presentation with the theme of Global Treaty to End Plastic Pollution - A global chance for circular economy transformation. WWF's studies and positions on the true cost of plastic, the economic, social, and environmental burdens that countries are suffering from plastic pollution as well as WWF and international efforts in the process of promoting a Global Treaty on Plastic Pollution and marine plastic were shared in the forum. The global agreement will be an opportunity to reduce production, develop the plastic circularity, and move towards the goal of no plastic waste in nature.

Accompanying Viet Nam to prepare and participate in the negotiation of the Global Treaty on Plastic Pollution and Ocean Plastic Waste

Funding source: BMU

At the 1st technical workshop on implementing the UNEA's Resolution on a legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution which took place on April 28, 2022 in Ba Vi, the Project also shared information and detailed development on the process of sideline negotiation and adoption of UNEP/EA.5/Res.14 "End Plastic Pollution - Towards a Legally Binding Instrument"; as well as the establishment of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC). The project

also commented on specific contents for the draft Decision of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment on the implementation plan of Prime Minister's Decision No. 1407/QD-TTg; emphasizing necessary activities in negotiations capacity-building and coordination among relevant Ministries and sectors, consolidating and developing baseline information as a basis for proactively proposing and negotiating the essential elements of the Treaty.

During the past time, the Project has also been closely updating, and sharing the latest documents, information and technical support for the Viet Nam's focal point in order to prepare and participate in meetings, including preparatory meeting of Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) organized by UNEP at the end of May 2022 in Senegal, where recommendations on the INC's framework and organization in the next 2 years with expected completion by 2024 have been discussed and initially agreed by the countries. In addition, the project is also continuing to provide technical support, research in assessing

Viet Nam's current resources and policies, and forecasting scenarios, and capacity-building for the staff and officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment when participating in the negotiation of the Global Treaty on Plastic Pollution. The project will share and consult with relevant state agencies to provide information and technical support for Viet Nam with the immediate goal as attending the first INC meeting expected to be held in the last week of November 2022 in Uruguay and subsequent meetings.

WWF initiates regional discussions towards the negotiation on a Global Treaty on Plastic Pollution

Funding source: BMU

Following the success of the 5th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2) on March 2, 2022, countries are actively preparing for the negotiation process of the Global Treaty on Plastic Pollution and Marine Plastic Waste. According to the UNEP's work plan, a preparatory meeting to draft discussion on the establishment of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) as well as the contents of the Treaty was held at the end of May 2022 in Senegal.

In order to establish an opportunity, create a platform for countries in the Asia-Pacific region to promote discussion on

existing control measures and what can be included in the Treaty, and propose recommendations for the INC's work plan to ensure an effective response to the global plastic pollution crisis, on May 17, 2022, the WWF organized a webinar in Asia for countries (including VietNam) to proactively share information, views, strengths and possible issues that may need assistance when proceeding to participate in the new treaty negotiation process. Through the information collected from countries, international organizations, WWF International as well as the results obtained from the research to be carried out within the framework of the project, WWF-Viet Nam

has actively shared technical documents with Viet Nam's representatives during the preparation and discussion. This activity helps Viet Nam's representatives get the most multi-dimensional information so that they can effectively

contribute to the formulation of views and recommendations, draft negotiation plans when participating in the meetings at the end of May 2022 in Senegal as well as the upcoming INC's meetings.



PLASTIC SMART CITIES

(BMU)

Kick-off workshop on 2022-Action Plan on plastic waste management and launched Plastic Waste Management Working Group of A Luoi District

Funding source: BMU



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On April 18, 2022, the People’s Committee of A Luoi district (Thua Thien Hue province) held a kick-off workshop “2022-Action Plan on plastic waste management and launched the plastic waste management working group

of A Luoi District”. The workshop had the participation of district-level agencies and commune-level units in A Luoi District to launch the 2022. At the workshop, a working group to reduce plastic waste was also introduced including members of district-level agencies and representatives of some local communes. The working group as the core force in each locality implements the 2022 - plastic waste management plan. In addition, the draft plan for monitoring and evaluation of plastic waste management plan in A Luoi was also shared, discussed and agreed on the basic contents to be able to implement in the near future.

Consultation workshop on the action plan on plastic waste management in Ha Tinh in the period of 2022-2025, with a vision to 2030

Funding source: BMU

On April 27, 2022, the People’s Committee of Ha Tinh held a consultation workshop entitled “Action Plan on plastic waste management in Ha Tinh in the period of 2022-2025 with a vision to 2030”. The workshop had the participation of 53 delegates from many units and departments of the city and province who actively contributed ideas to complete the city’s Action Plan. After the workshop, the project’s technical consultant assisted in revising and adding the draft according to recognized



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recommendations, and then Ha Tinh’s Department of Natural Resources and Environment will continue to finalize it in order to submit to the City People’s Committee for approval and issuance.

Completing the model of schools to reduce plastic waste at 05 primary and secondary schools in A Luoi

Funding source: BMU

The school model to reduce plastic waste has been implemented in a school year 2021-2022 at 5 primary and secondary schools in A Luoi district (Thua Thien Hue province). These are Kim Dong Primary School, Son Thuy Primary School, Le Loi Secondary School, Tran Hung Dao Secondary School, and Quang Trung Secondary School.

Schools operating the model have carried out a series of planned activities including: Survey student's awareness and attitudes; build a club of plastic waste reduction and periodically conduct propaganda on the awareness of plastic reduction at schools, implementing a waste audit at the beginning and end of the term; deploy extracurricular activities to provide more information to students, raise awareness about the issue of waste, especially plastic waste, and move towards changing student's single-use plastic consumption



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behaviour. In addition, the teachers participating in the model also integrate the contents of environmental protection and plastic waste reduction into some subjects within the program and conduct trial teaching in the lectures. With the results obtained from this model, in the coming time, the project will coordinate with the Department of Education and Training of A Luoi District to organize a workshop in order to draw on experience and develop a plan for replicating the model to other schools.

Operating the model of plastic reduction market at A Luoi and Bot Do markets

Funding source: BMU

The model of plastic waste reduction market was implemented in collaboration with A Luoi District Youth Union (Thua Thien Hue Province), thereby conducting a survey on the knowledge - attitude - practice of small

traders and consumers related to the consumption and generation of plastic waste, especially single-use plastic. As a result, communication activities to raise public awareness are developed and implemented; propaganda posters



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are built to reduce the use of plastic bags at the markets; paper bags and

reusable bags are produced to support small traders and encourage consumers to mitigate their use of plastic bags. In particular, in order to reduce the amount of new plastic bags generated at the markets, the District Youth Union with the support of the project has built cabinets to store clean plastic bags collected in the community for reuse when shopping at the markets.

Organize “Plastic Recycling Festival 2022” in A Luoi

Funding source: BMU

On June 30, 2022, A Luoi District Youth Union (Thua Thien Hue province) organized “ Recycling Festival 2022”. The festival has the participation of union members from A Luoi communes and town and children in Hong Bac commune. Various activities include: recycling contest and display of recycled products; Ring-the-golden bell contest; trash for gifts have received the response of the youth competition teams across the district. Through the competitions, more than 100 youths in A Luoi had more opportunities to receive knowledge about environmental issues, especially plastic



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pollution, measures to reduce - recycle - reuse plastic waste, thereby contributing to environmental protection and reducing plastic waste in the mountainous district of A Luoi in particular, and Viet Nam in general.

Model of waste collection ashore in Bao Ninh commune, Dong Hoi city

Funding source: BMU

The model was piloted from August 2021 to March 2022 with the goal of awareness-raising among members of the Women’s Union (WU), representatives of local departments and fishermen, thereby

changing their behavior towards local environmental protection. The model has trained and guided 20 members to master the technique of knitting nets to create useful products from broken and torn



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nets. 100 shopping bags and 100 waste bags from old nets were provided to the women and boat owners to use instead of regular plastic bags.

Accompanying the project, 100 offshore fishing boats of the commune have signed a commitment to bring waste to shore, installed a rule board for sorting waste and seriously bringing waste ashore. It is estimated that on average, the amount

of waste brought to shore by 100 participating boats is about 250 cans, all kinds of plastic bottles and about 60-70 kg of plastic bags. From waste exchange, after 3 months, the Women's Union has collected about 18 million VND to support poor children and women in Bao Ninh commune.

After the pilot activity ended in March 2022, the model is still operated by crew members and the Women's Union and considered as a bright spot and a good model for other localities to learn from.

In May 2022, a representative of the project management board also visited the model and highly appreciated the local efforts in reducing uncontrolled plastic discharge into the ocean.

The implementation plan for Han market model to reduce plastic waste was issued by the Da Nang Department of Industry and Trade

Funding source: BMU

On May 12, 2022, Da Nang Department of Industry and Trade (DOIT) with the project's companion issued an implementation plan on a pilot model of plastic waste reduction market at Han Market in 2022, in accordance with the Official Letter No. 1026/KH-SCT. Accordingly, the main activities will be carried out including:

1. Implement communication activities on the reduction of plastic bags and waste;
2. Conduct the Green Sunday Program to launch and maintain the Han Market Campaign to reduce plastic waste; and

3. Research and implement eco-labeling for market stalls. It is a very special pilot model, with the participation of many multi-stakeholders, including the leading role of the DOIT, the project's technical consultants and resources, and other partners such as GreenHub, Greenpoints and the participation of key local stakeholders including Danang Markets Development and Management Company, Han Market Management Board, Hai Chau 1 Ward People's Committee and Hai Chau 1 Ward Youth Union.

The solution package to prevent waste leakage on Phu Loc river (Da Nang city) was discussed and agreed on the implementation

Funding source: BMU



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Based on the survey's findings about the current situation of plastic issues in Phu Loc river, there are 20 points of illegal dumping, of which 8 points belong to Thanh Khe district (Da Nang city), along with generation in the Phu Loc river, 20 mismanaged points of waste collection were found, of which 8 collection points in Thanh Khe district (Danang), along with the volume of solid waste (SW) leakage into Phu Loc river (about 2 km) in 3 consecutive days was about 94.48 kg, in which plastic waste accounted for 36.45% (34.44 kg). In the estuary area, the volume of solid waste leakage during 24-hour-continuous observation was 64.9 kg/day, of which plastic waste accounted for more than 39%, equivalent to 25.35 kg/day. The main components are single-use plastic, plastic bags, multi-layer mixed packaging...



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From that situation, the Office of Natural Resources and Environment (ONRE) of Thanh Khe District, in collaboration with the project, organized consultation workshops and in-depth working sessions with stakeholders and agreed on a solution package to prevent waste leakage into Phu Loc river as below:

1. Strengthen communication activities and raise awareness to prevent the generation of plastic waste from

upstream, restrict the illegal dumping that causes direct leakage into the river basin;

2. Strengthen waste collection at source such as removal of waste hotspots, supplement of waste storage devices at suitable locations, development of camera networks to support monitoring activities of illegal dumping, establishment of self-managing groups for environmental protection in residential areas.

3. Limit waste leakage into the sea through pilot models such as waste collection nets at the sluice gates and trash trappers at some points in the river.

These activities will be chaired by Thanh Khe District's ONRE, with resources from the project and the participation and operation of relevant ward-level government units, unions, and Thanh Khe environmental enterprises, especially Phu Loc wastewater treatment station.

Training on the impact of ocean plastic waste for fishermen in Hon Yen area, Phu Yen province

Funding source: BMU



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On June 13, 2022, the project cooperated with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment in Phu Yen Province and the People's Committee of Tuy An district to organize a training course on awareness-raising for more than 50 fishermen in An Hoa Hai commune, Tuy An district, Phu Yen province. The training course helped fishermen better understand plastic waste pollution, harmful effects and impacts of

plastic waste on the environment, human health, marine life and ecosystem. The training course also helped people to recognize the positive changes of Hon Yen over the years thank to everyone's participation, helping to arouse pride and love for Hon Yen. After the training, everyone participated in the activity of picking up trash around Hon Yen to make this place greener and cleaner.

Action plan on plastic waste reduction at 05 schools in Tuy Hoa city, Phu Yen province was developed and issued

Funding source: BMU

In order to create a sustainable and long-term change for students in awareness and behavior related to environmental protection in general and plastic waste reduction in particular, the project has cooperated with the Department of Education and Training and Department of Natural Resources and Environment in Phu Yen province to implement the model of plastic waste free school. During the pilot phase, there were 05 participating schools including Phu Yen Ethnic Minority Boarding School, Duy Tan High School, Nguyen Du High and Secondary School, Kim Dong Primary school and Ngo Gia Tu High School.

With technical support from the GreenHub consulting team, the schools have participated in waste audits, in-depth interviews with school administrators, and student's knowledge - attitude - practice survey, thereby serving as the basis for the development of an appropriate and



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feasible plan on plastic waste reduction dedicated to schools. The schools' Action plans focus on the following main contents: developing policies/regulations to reduce plastic in schools, organizing communication activities, building extra-curricular programs for students to enhance interaction and practice of waste segregation, and integration of content on plastic waste pollution into teachers' lectures. With the issued Action Plan, all 05 schools will simultaneously implement in the new 2022-2023 school year in collaboration with the project.

Organize training courses on waste segregation and reduction of plastic waste for people and small traders in Ward 7, Tuy Hoa city, Phu Yen province

Funding source: BMU

Within the coordination framework to implement the market model for waste sorting and organic waste

treatment, the project has coordinated with the Phu Yen Women's Union and relevant local agencies to organize



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training sessions on waste segregation and plastic waste mitigation dedicated to people and market vendors at the markets of Ward 7, Tuy Hoa city, Phu Yen province. 300 members, women, and 200 market vendors participated

in the training courses on plastic waste pollution, the impacts of plastic waste on human health, the environment and the ecosystem, and were informed on new regulations of the Law on Environmental Protection, including requirements on waste segregation and promotion of organic waste treatment. The training courses also shared information on waste sorting and cabinets for lending shopping bags to be held directly at the Ward 7 markets. Training courses were held at the Ward 7 market to better facilitate the participation of market vendors, as well as to best support the practice of sorting waste at source.

Communication and implementation of waste segregation at source of the Women’s Union in Son Hoa district, Phu Yen province

Funding source: BMU

Within the framework of capacity-building for grassroots branches of the Women’s Union in Phu Yen province to carry out local communication activities, the Project has supported resources for the Women’s Union in Son Hoa district, Phu Yen province to organize a series of local activities in May and June, 2022. In particular, the Association “ Civilization - Green - Clean - Beautiful Environment” was established in Phu Huu Village, Suoi Bac commune with 50 members. At the launching ceremony of the Association, each member was given 01 plastic shopping basket aiming at limiting the use of plastic bags when shopping. Members also propagated



© Women’s Union in Son Hoa district

knowledge related to plastic waste and provided guidelines for municipal waste treatment at the household. The Executive Board of the Association instructed members to dig rubbish pits and how to compost waste into organic fertilizer. 50/50 members and women have sorted

household waste: recyclable waste segregation including plastic bottles, plastic bags, organic waste such as food waste, vegetables, tubers, and fruits after preparing food by using trash, large-size packaging to dispose of waste. 50/50 members and women dig rubbish pits in the backyards with the depth and width of about 60-100 cm (depending on the location of digging holes); take advantage of wooden planks, corrugated iron to use as lids. Moreover, many members, households, and women actively plant all kinds of trees and flowers in the housing;

maintain hygiene in public areas and on both sides of roads in residential areas. Besides, communication conferences on the harmful effects of plastic waste and household waste segregation were also held in Suoi Bac commune, and in Son Hoa district. Finally, a summary conference to draw experiences as well as determine the potential to spread the model for association development from Phu Huu Village was also held at the Hall of the Fatherland Front Committees of Son Hoa district on June 22 with the participation of 14 communes/towns under the district.

The activity of picking trash manually by boats on river continues to be carried out periodically in Rach Gia city

Funding source: BMU

In an effort to find a feasible and appropriate solution to reduce the leakage of plastic waste into the ocean, the project has coordinated with the People's Committee of Rach Gia city to pilot the activity of picking trash in the rivers and seas with a frequency of once a week over a period of 6 months. By the end of June 30, 2022, the picking trash activity has completed 24 trips with the average amount of waste collected in each trip is about a ton, of which the amount of plastic bags, plastic bottles/boxes/products, styrofoam boxes/containers, textiles/clothes/shoes accounted for 30%,

10%, 50%, 5% respectively. Other types of waste accounted for 5%. This activity also helps recognize the contaminated points including: the area along Rach Soi market, Tac Rang market, Marina strait, Bac Son market, along 2 sides of 3/2 Bridge and Tran Hung Dao street. Based on the results, the working group will continue to compile reports and propose recommendations to the advisory agencies and the leaders of the City People's Committee consider to add on the active trash picking by boat activity and waste hotspot removal into the local's environmental protection annual plan.



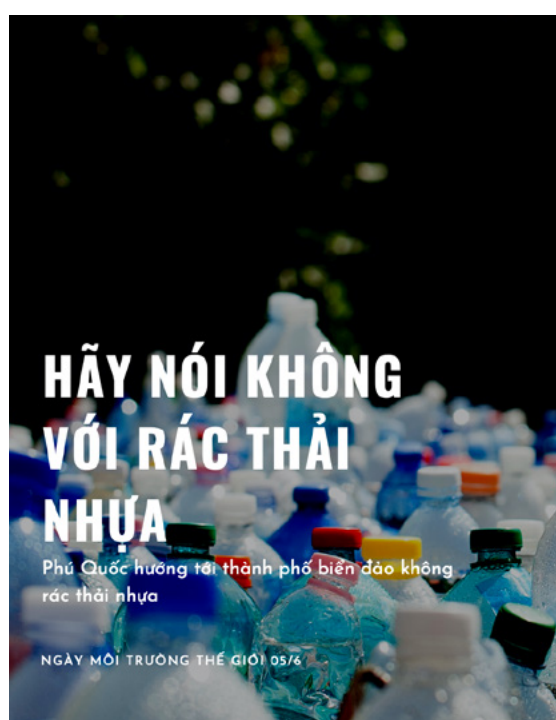
FISHERIES AND MARINE PROTECTED AREA

(BMU)

Training on designing posters for Phu Quoc Youth Union

Funding source: BMU

In addition to activities for removing hotspots of plastic waste pollution and building green gathering stations in Phu Quoc city, the 2022-plan of Phu Quoc Youth Union focuses on training activities to improve the capacity of union members. On April 4, 2022, Phu Quoc Youth Union cooperated with the project to implement basic training activities on designing propaganda posters. The 1-day training course attracted nearly 60 union members. Under the enthusiastic guidance of lecturers from the project, the members had a day to experience 1) basic graphic knowledge, 2) color scheme, 3) principles of using copyrighted images and 4) Design with Canva and Powerpoint. Initial results after the training class as the union members had diverse designs with messages related to the topic of plastic waste reduction and environmental protection. With skills in designing propaganda posters, union members can actively create propaganda content suitable to the diverse and regular needs of the Youth Union's movement and activities.



A poster designed by the Youth Union during the training.
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Training series for capacity - building dedicated to Women's Union as well as education and communication for action in 8 communes/wards of Phu Quoc city

Funding source: BMU

Within the framework of training series to improve communication skills designed specifically for the

Women's Union (WU) in Phu Quoc from early 2022, in the second quarter of 2022, the City Women's Union continues

to coordinate with the project and consulting team to deploy extensive training course for other members of the Women's Union, and at the same time organize an intensive training course on behavioral change communication for the staff of Women's Union at all levels. In particular, in April and May, the City Women's Union, the project and consulting units successfully organized 3 more training courses, of which an extensive training course for 11 new members who are cadres of the Women's Union and associations of Ham Ninh, Cua Can, and Cua Duong communes on Jun 5-6, 2022, increased the number of trained staff up to 45 members; 02 training courses on "Applying the method of education and action to mobilizing communities to reduce plastics" for reporters in 8 communes and wards on April 20-22, 2022, and propagandists in 23 hamlets of communes and wards on May 23-24, 2022.

In addition to training courses for capacity-building, the City Women's Union, the project together with the consultants support to organize



People at Duong To ward registered activities to reduce plastic pollution. © Nguyen My Quynh / WWF-Viet Nam

meetings in order to communicate and mobilize registration for implementation of good practices in consumption and treatment of plastic waste dedicated to 160 households in 8 communes/wards. As a result, right after the first meeting, 63 households registered to practice plastic reduction, in which the number of registrations "using reusable shopping bags" was the highest with 32 registered households. This shows a positive sign from the program of distributing reusable shopping bags launched by the Fatherland Front Committee in combination with behavior-change communication program of the City Women's Union which has been and is being implemented.

Training for policy communication on municipal solid waste management under the 2020 Law on Environmental Protection in Phu Quoc city

Funding source: BMU

With the objective of propagating and disseminating policies on municipal solid waste management and at-source waste segregation as

prescribed in Section 2 of the Law on Environmental Protection to all key officials at city, commune, and wards levels; concurrently, raising awareness for



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2,000 households and service businesses to encourage at-source waste segregation and single-use plastic reduction.

On May 19-20, 2022, the project cooperated with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Phu Quoc city and the consulting team of Can Tho University to organize a training course for 61 officials at the city, commune, and ward levels. The training program is divided into 02 main parts, including i) disseminating new regulations on the management of municipal solid waste in general and

plastic waste in particular under the 2020 Law on Environmental Protection; and ii) guiding content of the Handbook on solid waste segregation at source and using flipcharts to propagate about at-source waste segregation.

After the training course, the Phu Quoc Department of Natural Resources and Environment will continue to coordinate with the project in order to support communes and wards for developing detailed plans and conducting awareness-raising sessions for households and businesses about at-source waste segregation and single-use plastic reduction. Core staff at commune and ward levels will act as rapporteurs at propaganda sessions with the support of the Project and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. It is expected that the propaganda sessions will take place in the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022.

Implementation of at-school extracurricular programs in Phu Quoc, Con Dao, and Cham Island

Funding source: BMU

In April and May 2022, the project cooperates with the Department of Education and Training, the Ecotourism Center of Phu Quoc National Park, and 9 high and secondary schools to implement a series of extracurricular activities related to the topic of plastic reduction. The carefully designed activities, using



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visual images combined with games aimed at behavior change, created a useful platform to help students learn information about the life cycle of plastic, harmful effects of plastic waste as well as experience the application of measures for plastic prevention or alternatives, such as:

- Exhibition activities on the topic of “What is plastic”, “Plastic waste enters the ocean”, and “Plastic waste treatment”, and an interactive table related to the

topic of plastic waste.

- Games with the theme of waste recycling and segregation such as green initiative, green mission, what kind of waste?, where? etc.

- Extracurricular activities to visit in the National Park and/or Marine Protected Area to introduce students to the forest habitats, animals and plants, the impacts of plastic waste on the natural environment and such animals and plants. In addition, the students also participated in cleaning and collecting plastic waste during the tour.

This series of extracurricular activities has attracted a total of 1,818 elementary and middle school students, in which 1,476 students participate in extracurricular activities at school and 342 students from the Green Club join in the field trip program.

After the TOT training for teachers in April 2021 in Con Dao, 03 kindergartens such as Sen Hong, Tuoi Tho, and Huong Duong have developed a school plan on plastic reduction for the 2021-2022 school year with the main activities:

1. At-school waste audit: the results of waste audit at 3 kindergartens show that:

- The average amount of waste generated daily in Sen Hong, Tuoi Tho, and Huong Duong kindergartens is 61.1 kg/day, 41.2 kg/day, 38.7 kg/day, respectively; in which, organic waste accounts for 87%, 69%, and 66% respectively. The rate of plastic

waste at Tuoi Tho and Huong Duong kindergartens is around 28-29%, while the plastic waste at Tuoi Tre preschool is at the lowest rate with only 6.5%.

- The two main waste-generating areas of the schools are kitchen, classroom, and office areas, in which the amount of waste in the kitchen accounts for 70-86%, the rest is waste from the classroom and office areas. In the kitchen area, organic waste accounts for a large proportion with more than 90%, the rest is plastic waste and other mixed waste. Common types of plastic waste in the kitchen are plastic bags, bottles, containers,



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styrofoam boxes, and food packaging. In the classroom area, plastic waste has the largest proportion, followed by organic waste and paper waste. At Sen Hong Kindergarten, the common types of plastic waste in the classroom include straws, plastic spoons and forks, and plastic bottles and boxes; while at Huong Duong kindergarten, other plastic waste accounts for the majority (more than 92%), followed by plastic food bags, straws and cutlery, plastic foam bottles and containers, and food packaging.

2. Encourage all teachers to use disposable tableware and shopping bags to reduce the use of single-use plastic.

3. Organize the picking-up plastic waste programme to recycle into toys and learning tools for the children. In the 2021-2022 school year, each school will conduct 10 times of picking up or collecting plastic bottles, containers, styrofoam boxes, straws, and plastic cutlery to produce recycled materials for toys, decorative items and school supplies.

4. Organize a plastic-recycling festival to create a platform in order for encouraging

the creativity of teachers and children, at the same time, raising awareness and creating the habit of sorting and reuse of plastic products, aimed at reducing plastic waste generated. Recycling-Day Programme at schools attracted the participation of competition teams with members including 36 teachers, 49 students, 20 parents, and 12 school staff; along with the cheering participation of more than 200 students from all schools.



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The competition teams created about 400 recycled products and 03 paintings with content on the topic "Homeland", "Baby's ocean", and the theme "Spring color" from plastic waste (plastic cans, plastic bottles of all kinds; Styrofoam boxes, marine buoys, plastic baskets, fan legs... all cleaned) and 3 pictures. At Sen Hong Kindergarten, teachers and children have created a play space for children to experience and explore with an area of 50m² in the school yard.

Through the competition, teachers have contributed to building a physical environment for the school, creating

opportunities for children to have more space and conditions to play and study, and attracting the attention and support

of parents and students for children's education as well as the school's movement in environmental protection.

In Cham Island, Quang Trung Secondary and High School as non-boarding school with an area of about 5,204 m² includes a school campus and 24 rooms such as classrooms, departments, teacher's room, 01 canteen and about 227 students.

In May 2022, staff of management board of Cham Island MPA coordinated with teachers and students to conduct a waste audit for 6 consecutive days to find out the current situation of waste generation in the school, providing the basis to develop a plan on plastic waste reduction in the 2022-2023 school year. The survey results show that three main sources are generated from the school canteen, campus, and classrooms with the generation rate of 61%, 27%, and 12% respectively. The average amount of waste generated is 14.8 kg, with the main composition of organic waste as leaves, fruit peels, leftovers, accounted for 48%; recycled waste including plastic bottles, cans, paper accounted for 18%; and inorganic waste consists of food packaging, milk carton, single-use plastic items, medical masks, etc. accounted for 34%.

Based on the results of waste audit, Management Board of Cham Island MPA, together with the technical consulting team, collaborated with the school



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administration to develop a Plan on at-school plastic reduction in the 2022-2023 school year with the following objectives:

- 30% – 40 % of students in each class become active propagandists on plastic waste reduction.
- 100% of graduating students understand and have knowledge about biodiversity and environmental protection.
- At least 01 - 02 green initiatives are recognized and implemented in the school annually.
- 100% of students and teachers practice proper waste segregation.
- All teachers and school officials apply good practice of not using single-use plastic and actively participate in plastic reduction activities launched by school and locality.

The Plan on plastic reduction for the 2022-2023 school year was approved by Quang Trung Secondary and High School on May 22, 2022, along with the launching ceremony of the Club "Em yêu

đảo xanh quê em”. With a main group of 15 students as the pioneer force in implementing the school’s plastic reduction plan, the Club “Em yêu đảo xanh quê em” was established to create a platform for students of Quang Trung Secondary and High School to understand

about biodiversity and plastic waste, and practice environmental protection actions at the school and locality. After the launching ceremony, the students participated in folding old paper to make paper bags for the saler at the markets.

Workshop on Plastic Reduction for Business in Phu Quoc city

Funding source: BMU

On June 16, 2022, the Department of Culture and Information of Phu Quoc city cooperated with the project to organize a workshop “Enterprises practice to reduce plastic” in Phu Quoc city. The objective of the workshop is to call for businesses to join hands with local authorities, practice measure to reduce the use of single-use plastic products and effectively manage plastic waste; at the same time, share and replicate good practice models in the business sector, contributing to building Phu Quoc as green destination and sustainable development. Attending the event, there were representatives from the Institute for Tourism Development Research - Viet Nam National Administration of Tourism, Kien Giang Department of Tourism, Kien Giang Department of Information and Communications, local departments and more than 35 businesses and groups operating in the field of accommodation, travel and food services in Phu Quoc city.

The workshop has initially succeeded in creating a forum to promote the



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information exchange between businesses, corporations, and local departments, specialized agencies on plastic waste pollution from tourism activities as well as measures that enterprises are being applied to minimize this situation and difficulties encountered in the process of applying solutions and lessons learned. Concurrently, businesses were introduced to the program of connecting with businesses and taking actions to reduce ocean plastic waste launched by the project. At the workshop, there were 16 businesses voluntarily registered to participate in forms of plastic waste reduction according to their financial conditions and capabilities.

Clean-up programme with Phu Quoc Clean and Green

Funding source: BMU



Waste cleaning at Dinh Cau, Phu Quoc on 17/4
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The programme “Say no to plastic waste, cleanup at public beaches” launched by Phu Quoc Clean and Green and the project, has spread and made a great impact on the youth community. More and more young generations who are currently studying, living, and working

in Phu Quoc city know about the program and volunteer to participate in helping to clean up the island’s environment.

In the second quarter of 2022, Phu Quoc Clean and Green successfully organized 2 times of clean-up and plastic waste collection on April 17 and June 19 at Bach Dang Park - Dinh Cau and the beach along the way to the Ho Quoc Pagoda, Duong To commune. These are 2 spiritual destinations that attract many tourists to visit. This activity attracted the participation of 235 volunteers. As a result, more than 5,050 kg of waste was collected, including 2,590 kg of plastic waste.

The Plogging Challenge in Con Dao

Funding source: BMU

In recent years, the beaches of small Con Dao’s island regularly suffer a large amount of sea-based waste, which is considered as a local persistent issue. In particular, there are tens of tons of waste that have accumulated for a long time and drift in the Hon Ba area. It has the potential to affect the habitat of marine flora and fauna. Therefore, as soon as they arrived at Hon Ba, the teams quickly started to collect waste.

In response to Viet Nam Sea and Island Week 2022 with the theme “



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Revitalisation: Collective Action for the Ocean”; “sustainable development of sea-based economy with association

with preservation of biodiversity and marine ecosystems”; Sixsenses Con Dao in collaboration with the Management Board of Con Dao National Park, the Project and Con Dao District organized the program “Plogging” at Hon Ba, Con Dao district.

Participating in the plogging challenge at Hon Ba, there are nearly 100 volunteers divided into 15 teams, in which each team of 5 people work together to be able to pick up the most trash and win attractive prizes from the Organizer. To limit the generation of plastic waste, volunteers are requested to bring their own water bottles, cloth bags, personal food containers and avoid using single-use plastic products. This is the first time the plogging challenge has been held in Con Dao district, therefore it has attracted a lot of volunteers.

Many types of waste such as: nets, styrofoam, plastic bins, bottles, shoes, and plastic bags are collected, stored

and transferred to a central point for treatment. After 3 hours of active and enthusiastic working, the competition teams collected and treated 120 m³ of waste, with 7.2 tons, bringing a significant change in the environment as well as returning ventilation to the beach. Participating in the plogging challenge is a very interesting experience for volunteers in terms of exercise as well as awareness-raising about environmental protection.

At the end of the programme, the Organizing Committee gave finisher medals made from recycled materials to all volunteers and awarded prizes to the competing teams. Plogging challenge not only contributes to the cleanliness of the marine environment, but also has the meaning of awareness-raising about environmental protection for the community. Moreover, it contributes to keeping the marine environment of Con Dao increasingly green, clean and beautiful, so that Con Dao is truly “A Destination to Reduce Plastic”.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Cham Island

Funding source: BMU



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With the support of operating cost from the project, after more than a year of operating the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Bai Ong, Tan Hiep commune, the model has begun to receive the attention from people, particularly, in the first 6 months of the year, there were 6 delegations from localities, foreign

students and students in Hoi An city to visit, study and share experience related to the model. Besides, a small highlight as after many times of welcoming and receiving delegations, the 02 contracted workers have gradually confidently taken charge of guidance and are very excited to spread to everyone about the methods of waste treatment and mitigation.

In the first 5 months of the year, the total volume of waste collected was 5.3 tons, of which organic waste accounted for 48% with about 2.5 tons; inorganic waste accounted for 49% with 2.5 tons; Low-value plastic waste accounted for 2%, including 130 kg and 1% of recyclable waste. After 5 months of waste collection and segregation, 51% of all types of waste including organic, low-value waste and recyclable wastes are coordinated for treatment. For probiotics (all-purpose cleaners) made from fruit peels, nearly 100 liters have been produced here. This activity is of interest to the community and often collects fruit peels in exchange for house-hold cleaning products; more than 200kg of finished compost has been supported for some families in need.

The results of waste segregation monitoring at 60 households in Bai Ong Village, participating in model of Materials Recovery Facility, show that the performance of household waste segregation reached about 81% and the unsatisfactory sorting accounted for 19%; average waste volume of each household in April is about 3 kg/day and volume

of waste generation in May is 5 kg/day, the difference between 02 months due to in May, the number of visitors to the island has increased and there are some households as homestay and beverage businesses, participating in the operation of MRF. In the coming time, in addition to continuing to maintain monitoring activities, the core group will focus on reminding households that have not implemented waste segregation properly and working with People's Committee of Tan Hiep commune to include effective sorting in the criteria for classifying cultural families.

Recognizing the positive effect of the MRF model, within this year, Management Board of Cham Islands MPA is coordinating with the People's Committee of Tan Hiep Commune to develop a plan to expand the number of households participating in the Bai Ong MRF model, concurrently, propose a plan on the establishment of additional MRF in Bai Huong.

Integrated training to improve effective management capacity network of Marine Protected Areas/National Parks in Viet Nam

Funding source: BMU



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Based on the needs of MPAs/NPs and with the aim of improving effective management capacity network, an integrated training was organized for 10 days (April 19-20, 2022) with the participation of 11 MPAs/NPs across Viet Nam. This is the result after nearly a year of active preparation by the organizer as well as the commitment and proactive participation of leading experts in eight areas of expertise. Some of the main topics of training include:

1. Conservation and rescue of sea turtles and marine mammals, training in marine animal rescue skill;
2. Coral reef monitoring by using Reef Check and emerging environmental issues (ocean acidification, microplastics) associated with coral reefs, community-based reef monitoring;
3. Monitoring plastic waste on the surface of coral reefs and training skills in ghost net removal from coral reefs;
4. Training in diving and underwater skills to be proficient for rescue and surveillance.

The training provided the trainees with new and practical knowledge that can help them to apply in MPAs/NPs management and practice after completing the training course. Besides, the training is also an opportunity for MPAs/NPs nationwide to meet, exchange information and cooperate. It is expected that after the training course, the relevant partners will support the establishment of a network to exchange information amongst Viet Nam's MPAs/NPs on the changes in coral reef status, and share experiences in sea turtle and marine animal rescue and plastic waste monitoring. Hopefully, these efforts will contribute to improving management efficiency in MPAs/NPs and support the State in the management and sustainable development of oceans, seas, and marine resources.

In addition, the positive feedback on the training programme as well as expectation of the trainees to continue participating in similar training courses is the motivation for the project and its partners to accompany the network of MPAs/NPs toward Vietnam's marine environmental protection.

Monitoring plastic waste on the surface of coral reefs

Funding source: BMU

Applying the method of monitoring plastic waste on the surface of coral reefs learned in the Integrated Training Course for effective management of Marine Protected Areas/National Parks in Viet Nam, staff from Phu Quoc National Park, Con Dao National Park, and Cham Island MPA has conducted the first monitoring in June. Preliminary assessment results at three marine protected areas show that plastic waste is the most common composition on the surface of coral reefs with the rate of about 80% in quantity and 50-0% in



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volume. Comparing the three MPAs, the coral reef surface in Cham Island is the least polluted with the average density of plastic waste per 100m² only about 11 flakes with a weight of 9.8g.

Underwater waste collection

Funding source: BMU



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Following the monitoring of plastic waste on the coral reef surface,

underwater waste collection continues to be implemented in all 3 MPAs. By the end of June 2022, Phu Quoc and Cham Island have completed the first collection, equivalent to 50% of volume of work in 2022, while Con Dao has only completed about 25% of planned work. Total volume of waste collected in Phu Quoc is 1156.3 kg and in Cham Island is 18 kg.

Marine Plastic Waste Monitoring

Funding source: BMU

In the framework of cooperation between WWF, IUCN, GreenHub, and 11 MPAs nationwide, marine plastic

waste monitoring enters the fourth year of the programme. With the support of the project, Phu Quoc National Park, Con

Dao National Park, and Cham Island MPA completed seventh monitoring (season 1, 2022) on June 6-8, May 24-27, and June 2-4, respectively. The total amount of waste collected from the monitoring sections in Phu Quoc National Park, Con Dao National Park, and Cham Island MPA are 121.98 kg, 83.33 kg, and 260.3 kg respectively. In the composition of beach waste, plastic waste still accounts for the majority with nearly 70% in terms of volume, and about 80-90% in terms of quantity.



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PROJECT
“HUE - A PLASTIC
SMART CITY IN CENTRAL
VIET NAM”

(TVA)

The Norwegian CEO delegation's field trip to survey project implementation areas

Funding source: TVA



Ms. Karoline Andaur, CEO of WWF-Norway, joined the waste collecting activity at Hai Duong hotspot. © WWF-Viet Nam

Within the framework of the project “Hue - Plastic smart city in central Viet Nam” funding from Norwegian through WWF-Norway and implemented by WWF - Viet Nam, WWF- Norway made a field trip to Hue - project site in Viet Nam from May 16, 2022 to May 20, 2022. The purpose of the trip is to evaluate the implementation and recognize positive changes during the project implementation.

In particular, the WWF delegation worked with the People’s Committee of Thua Thien Hue Province and local partners such as: Thuan An ward, Hai Duong commune, the Youth Union, and socio-political organizations (the

Provincial Women’s Union, City Women’s Union, Management Board of Dong Ba Market) and the community working in the informal sector to explore the partnership between the project and local government, partners as well as the contributions and roles of stakeholders in the process of achieving the project’s objectives. In addition, the delegation also visited, surveyed hotspots in Thuan An ward and Hai Duong commune, collected waste residues, and eliminated hotspots in these two localities (on the mainland and river at the Thuan An footbridge) in order to partially understand the design of activities with such proposed indicators and objectives. The delegation also participated in

communication programmes and events at Hai Dong school, Dong Ba market, and Dai Noi Citadel with the corresponding target audience: students, small business women and tourists, aiming to explore the potential target audience and intervention in the present and future.

The field trip left a good impression on how the trip was designed and organized

for the project staff, which was highly appreciated by the WWF-Norway Delegation. Concurrently, they also had a better understanding of the project site and project implementation as well as how the funding was allocated for people in Hue and Viet Nam.

Media event in response to 2022 World Environment Day

Funding source: TVA

The media event was held on the morning of June 5, 2022 with a series of events:

1. Visit the “Environmental Information Center” to learn about the impact of “Plastic waste” on the environment and human health.

2. Trash for gift - Recyclable waste such as plastic bottles, metal, glass and paper to exchange for attractive gifts

3. Recycling old and unused items - Old items such as clothes, bags, and shoes are renewed by the artistic hands of art students from Hue University College of Arts.

4. Making recycled products - recycled plastic products are made with the guidance of young disabled at the Hope Center Hue

5. Producing enzyme for cleansing - to contribute to living in harmony with nature.

6. Old book exchange - Join hands to build an environmental bookcase and explore Earth - Planet of life by

exchanging old books, interesting books about the environment.

7. Create paper from straw - Explore the fate of straw and experience the activity of creating paper from straw, take part in the challenge of making paper products from straw led by the students of Faculty of Environment, Hue University of Sciences.

This is an event that is assessed to be influential and meaningful, organized by WWF-Viet Nam, DONRE, and HEPCO in collaboration with the Faculty of Environment, University of Science, Provincial Women’s Union, HueHOPE, and PRO Viet Nam. The event attracted the participation of more than 200 people, mainly pupils, students, parents, and women. The participants visited the HEPCO Environmental Information Center, learned and guided the at-source waste segregation and the impact of plastic pollution on the environment and human health. Models of organic

and agricultural waste treatment, recycling and reuse of plastic waste and green practice were also demonstrated at the event to spread the message

“Living in harmony with nature”, “Green consumption for green planet”, and “Today’s Actions, Tomorrow’s Future”.

Training on “Communication for behavior change to reduce plastic waste” for Phu Vang and Phong Dien districts

Funding source: TVA

On May 5 and 6, 2022, the project “Hue - A Plastic Smart City in central Viet Nam” (TVA) coordinated with the Department of Information and Communications of Thua Thien Hue province to organize two training courses on “Communication for behavior change to reduce plastic waste” for 188 officials in two districts of Phu Vang and Phong Dien. At two training sessions, TVA project staff shared research results on the current situation of plastic waste pollution in Tam Giang - Cau Hai lagoon conducted by the project in 2021, information on the impacts of plastic waste on human health and the environment, and approaches to behavior change communication. The participants included representatives of district and commune leaders in charge of natural resources and environment, district-level Department of Natural Resources and Environment; Centre for Culture, Sports and Information at district level; officials in charge of radio and television stations at district and commune levels; Fatherland Front Committee; Ho Chi Minh Communist



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Youth Union; Women’s Union; Veterans Association at district and commune level. They are the core propaganda force in the locality to implement a propaganda plan for the Provincial Scheme of Plastic Waste Prevention and Control. Although Phu Vang and Phong Dien are not under the TVA project area, the coordination between the project and Department of Information and Communication in this activity will help widely spread the research results and WWF’s experience in behavior change communication and towards the goal of zero plastic waste in nature by 2030.

Eliminate hot spots of coastal waste pollution in Thuan An, Hai Duong

Funding source: TVA



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In May and June 2022, with the support of the TVA project, the People's Committees of Thuan An ward and Hai Duong commune, Hue City organized the campaigns to eliminate hot spots

of plastic wastes in riverside, sea, and lagoon. These are hotspots that have arisen for a long time, mainly municipal solid waste due to people's ignorance and improper disposal. Nearly 200 people participated in the campaign to eliminate hot spots, supporting the collection of more than 7 tons of waste, of which about 1 ton was plastic waste. In the foreseeable future, the project will continue to support the wards with equipment to strengthen the monitoring and handling of environmental violations in order to limit the generation of waste pollution hotspots.

Environmental Information Center - Learning destination about plastic waste

Funding source: TVA

On May 10, 2022, TVA Project in collaboration with HEPCO and Hai Duong Kindergarten organized a study tour at the Environmental Information Center for 80 kids. The children were introduced and guided to practice waste sorting at home, and learned about the impacts of plastic waste on marine species through interactive games and skill training when making recycled products from plastic waste. The Environmental Information Centre was jointly developed by HEPCO and the TVA project with the aim of awareness-raising about environmental protection, waste, and communication on at-source waste



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segregation programmes in Hue city. The Center was officially opened on May 19, 2022, and will be widely open for people, organizations and associations to visit and study.





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