

Plastic and Marine Pollution

Maldives

Peoples Parliament Declaration

- ▶ Encourage businesses to stop giving away plastic bags and straws for free
- ▶ Awareness
- ▶ Ban Plastic bottles by 2024
- ▶ Ban plastic bags and straw by 2020
- ▶ Stop all single use plastic by 2025

What is single use plastic

- ▶ Single use plastic is our every day life
 - ▶ Bags
 - ▶ Bottles
 - ▶ Straw
 - ▶ Food containers
- ▶ But what about other single us plastics
 - ▶ Syringes
 - ▶ IV lines
 - ▶ Packaging etc

Plastic bottles

▶ Sizes

- ▶ 300 ml
- ▶ 500ml
- ▶ 1.5 liters
- ▶ 5 liters
- ▶ 18 liters

▶ Uses

- ▶ Water
- ▶ Fizzy drinks

Plastic bags

- ▶ Uses
- ▶ Shopping
- ▶ Garbages
- ▶ Sea sickness bags
- ▶ Food for Expatriate workers

Challenges

- ▶ Difficulty in identifying plastic bags and compostables bags
- ▶ Issue of oxodegradable bags adding micro plastic to oceans
- ▶ Compostable bags only compostable in certain conditions
- ▶ Limitation in providing clean water
- ▶ Milk and juice cartons come with straws
- ▶ Weighed goods sold in plastic bags
- ▶ Disposable material for iftar
- ▶ Country wide ban of bags can cause excess littering and dumping

Current plans

- ▶ National single use plastic phaseout committee
- ▶ Country wide ban on straws
- ▶ Introduce sea sickness paper bags
- ▶ Import of plastic bags only by WAMCO
- ▶ Ban small size pet bottle production.