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Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia









Beach cleanup in Maldives. Photo: Parley for the Oceans

Overview

South Asia is the third-largest contributor to global plastic waste. It flows into rivers and ends up in oceans threatens development and has far-reaching economic, ecological, and health impacts.

The World Bank, Parley for the Oceans, and the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) have formed a unique partnership to help the region curb its marine plastic pollution and ramp up eco-innovation to reinvent plastic use and production.

Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia will coordinate action and facilitate South Asia's transition to a circular plastic economy by encouraging investments and greater collaboration between the public and private sectors and across countries.

News

South Asia Ramps up Eco-Innovation to Curb Marine Plastic Pollution

Blogs

On World Oceans Day, South Asia launches new initiative to fight plastic pollution, by Hartwig Schafer and Cyril Gutsch

South Asia can turn the tide on oceans plastics pollution, by Hartwig Schafer

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