

International Coastal Cleanup Day 2017

16th September 2017, Hulhumale', Maldives



In recognition of the “International Coastal Cleanup Day 2017”, **Ministry of Environment and Energy, Government of Maldives and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Maldives, in association with South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme,(SACEP) and other government organizations; Housing Development Corporation(HDC), Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) and Maldives Red Crescent**, successfully concluded a beach cleanup programme in Hulhumale', Maldives on 16th September 2017.

The main aim of this event was to contribute to this important day by cleaning up the mess on the beach and to help to reduce the amount of garbage that gets into the ocean by hauling it away and also to make the public aware of the importance of such tasks.

The event in Hulhumale’ was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Environment and Energy, Government of Maldives H.E Abdulla Ziyad. Different citizen groups, coast guards schools and representatives of other associations actively took part in this event to collect trash and debris from roughly 4km of the coastline of Hulhumale'.

The final outcome of the Hulhumale' “beach cleanup waste audit” conducted by Maldives Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revealed that a total number of 399 garbage bags of waste (3 ft x 4 ft) was collected at the end of the day. And this waste was segregated in to 28 bags of metal cans, 12 bags of glass bottles, 180 bags of general waste, and 179 bags of plastics. (<https://twitter.com/EnvGovMv>)