



Global Plastic Pollution Reduction and Activities Restoring Biodiversity

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Today's Talk

- Plastic Pollution: Biodiversity Impacts
- Plastic Pollution: Measurement and Reduction Activities
- Measuring Biodiversity
- Restoring Biodiversity



Plastic Pollution: Biodiversity Impacts

- A direct and deadly effect on wildlife and on biodiversity (IUCN, 2021)
- 1,000s of seabirds, sea turtles, and marine mammals are killed each year after ingestion or entanglement (Center for Biological Diversity, 2022, IUCN, 2021)



Plastic Pollution: Biodiversity Impacts

- 700+ species of marine animals have been found with plastics in their digestive tracts (Lechter and Vallero, 2019)
- Coral reefs have been deemed 89% more likely to develop disease in the presence of plastic (Reef-World, UNEP, 2019)

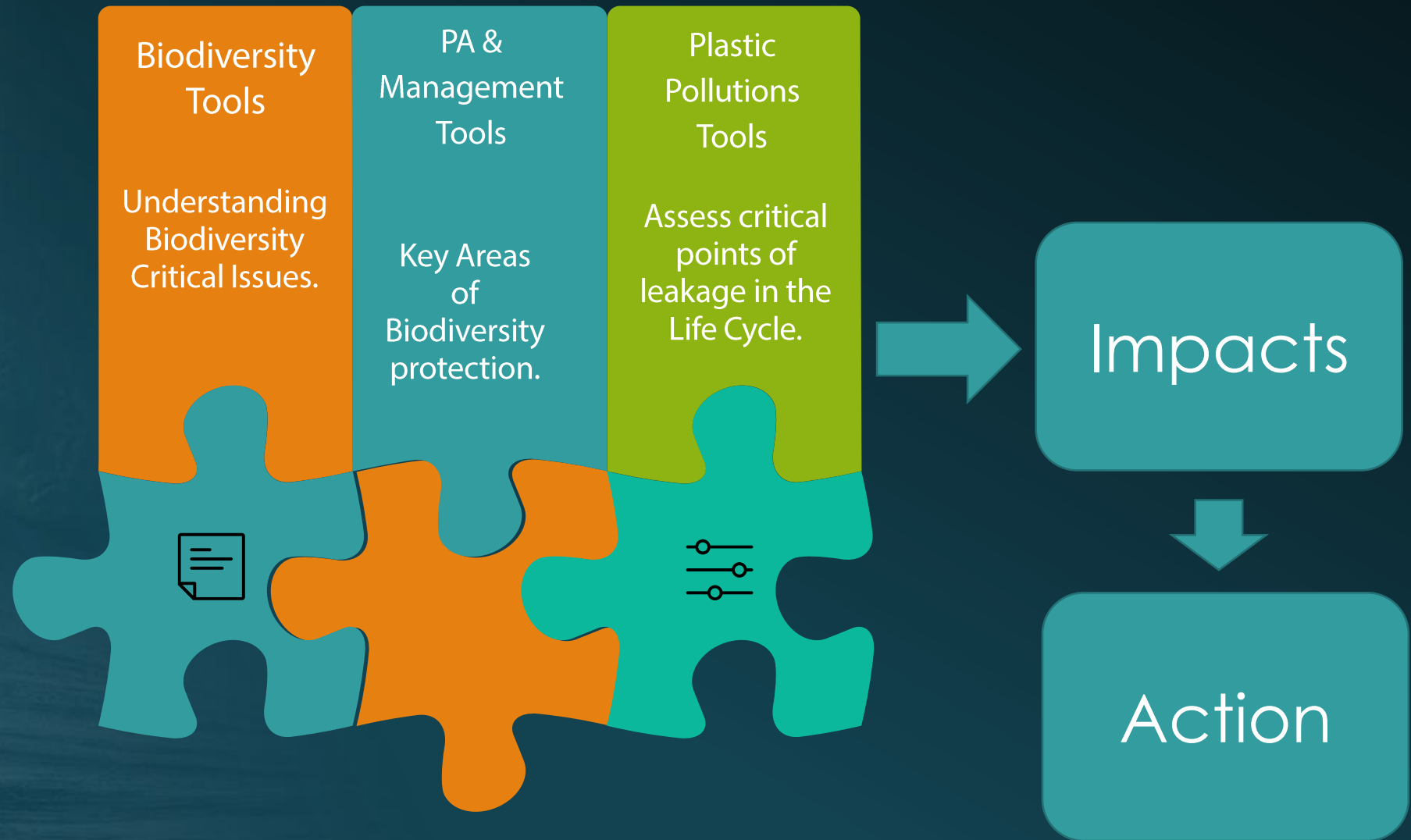


Plastic Pollution: Biodiversity and Economic Impacts

- On fisheries – Abandoned, Lost, Discarded Fishing Gear
- Tourism revenue and employment
- Broader dimensions: export revenue, employment, food security, marine ecosystems



Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Plastic Pollution



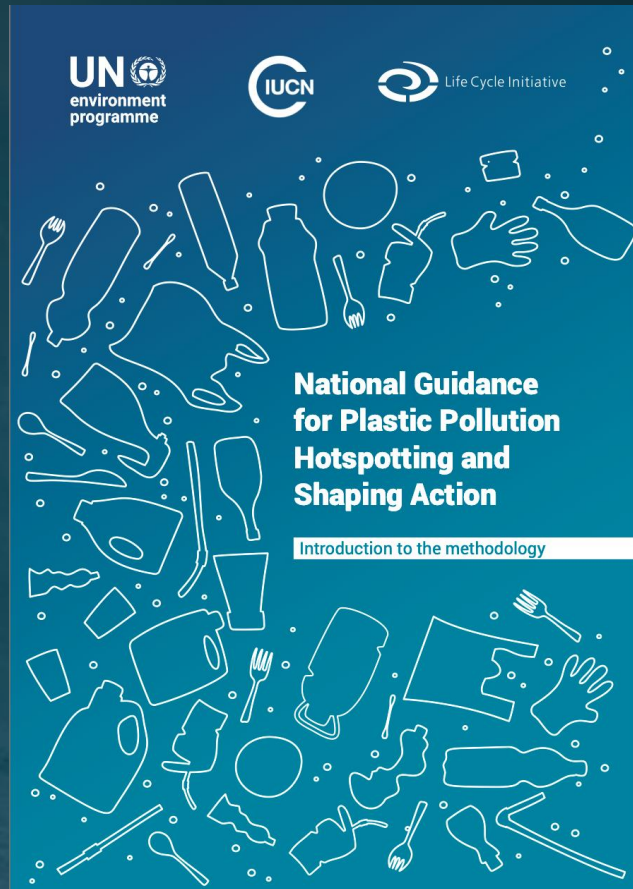
Plastic Reduction Activities: Measurement



2019 IUCN Review of:

- Existing and emerging methodologies to **identify the abundance, distribution, types, sources, pathways and sinks of plastic pollution** at different scales.
- The state of knowledge for **impact assessment, monetary valuation methodologies, and a glossary** of key terms related to plastics, marine plastics and environmental footprints.

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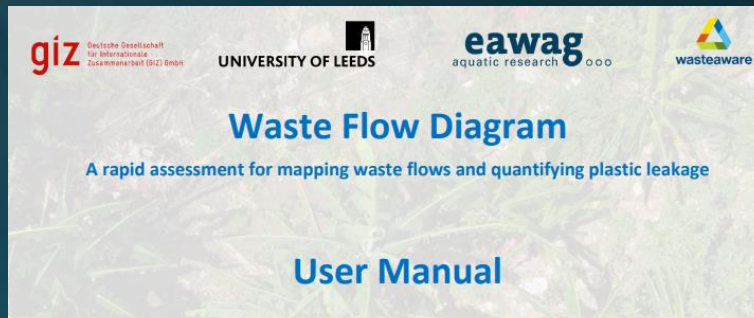


2020 UNEP/ IUCN Guidance for countries to:

- **Identify key hotspots** of plastic polymers, products, and pathways leaking into the environment, as well as associated impacts
- Together with key stakeholders, **prioritise key interventions** along the plastic value chain
- Support governments in **converging towards instruments** to implement the interventions

UNEP/IUCN National Guidance for Plastic Pollution Hotspotting and Shaping Action
<https://plastichotspotting.lifecycleinitiative.org/>

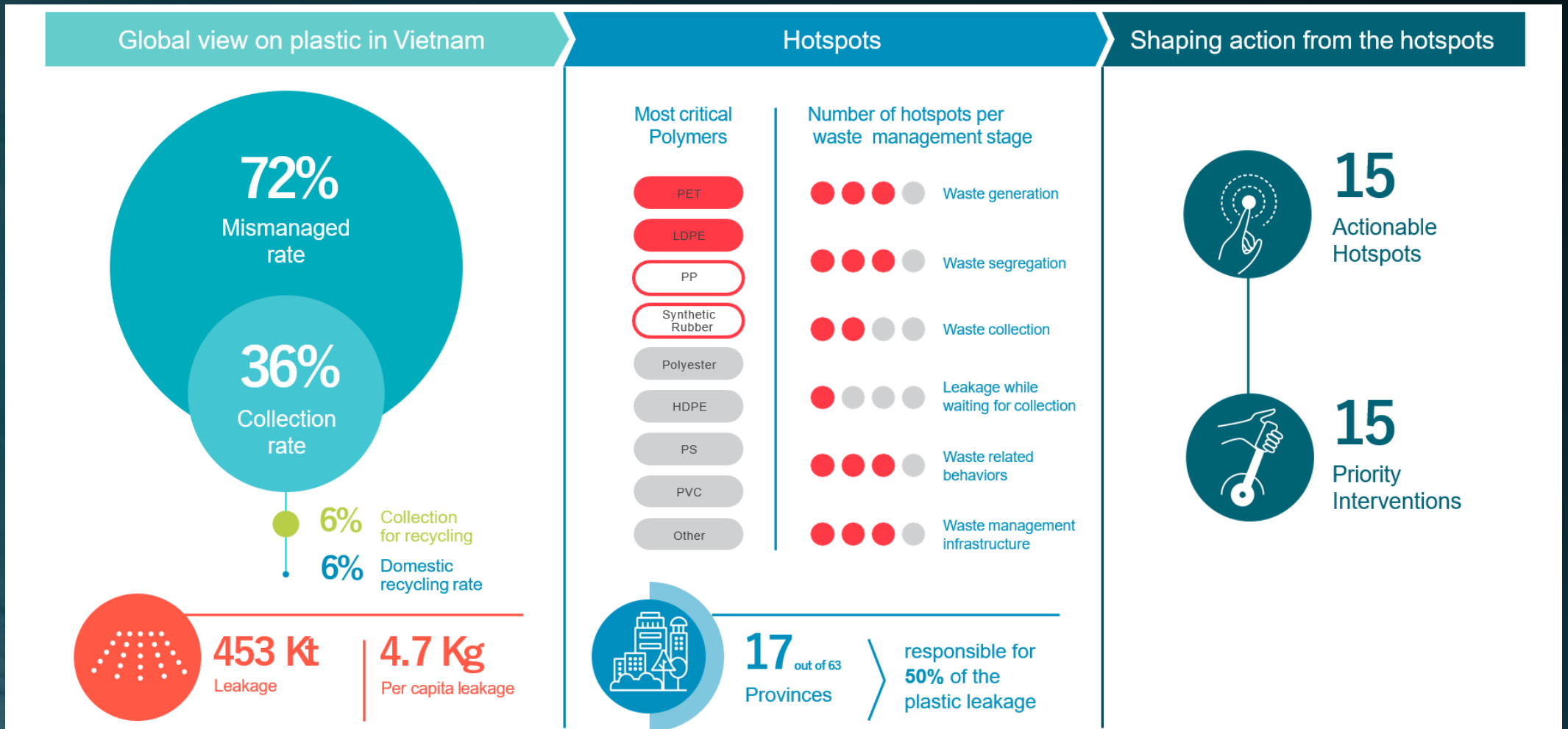
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GIZ 2020 guidance for countries to:

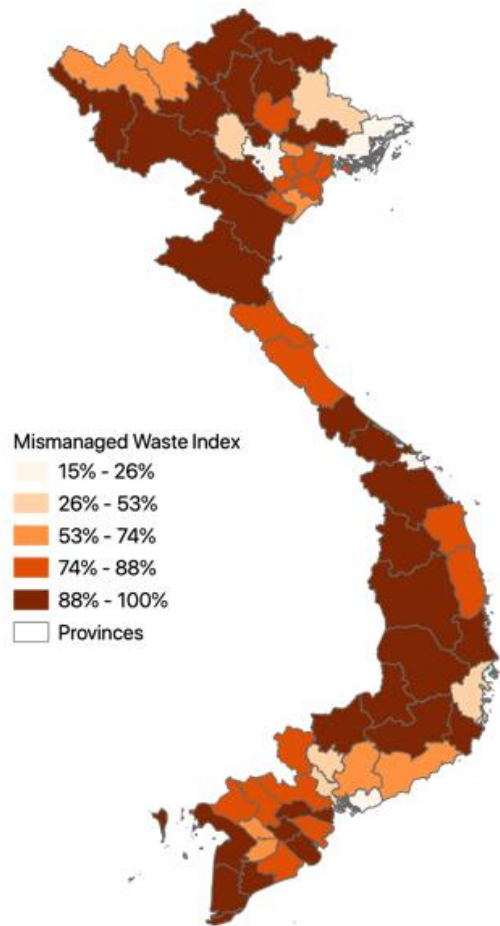
- To **estimate the amounts of plastic leakage** into the environment
- To **visualise the quantities of municipal solid waste streams** within a waste management system
- To **plan waste projects**, especially about marine litter prevention
- To **monitor** the effectiveness of applied waste interventions

Once national plastic pollution is assessed



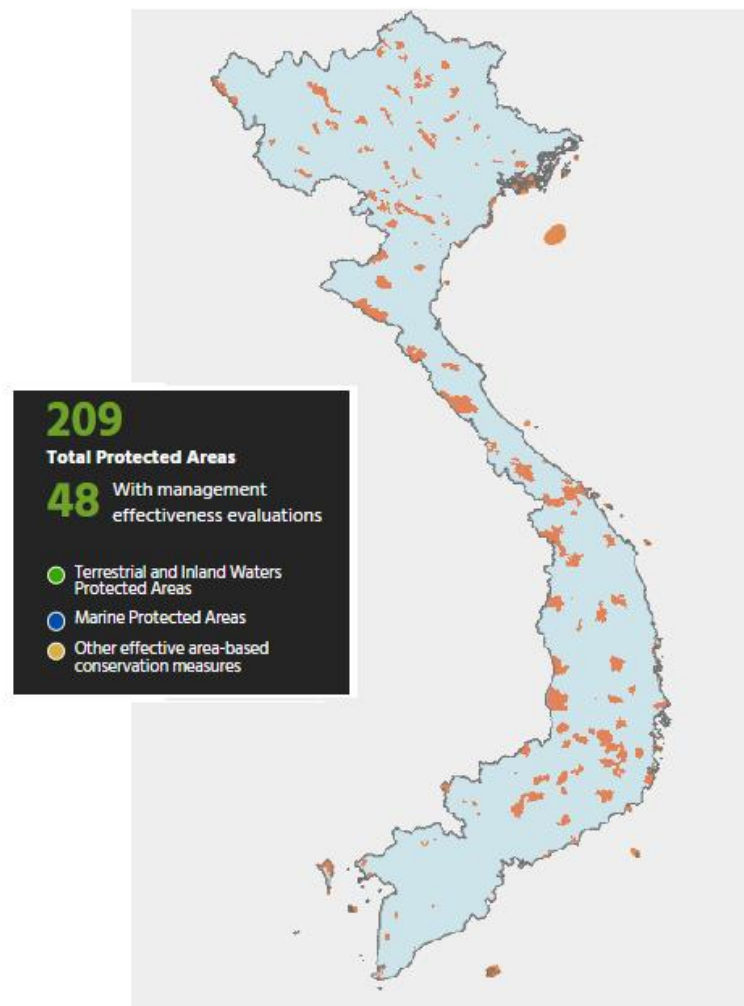
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Mismanaged Waste: Viet Nam



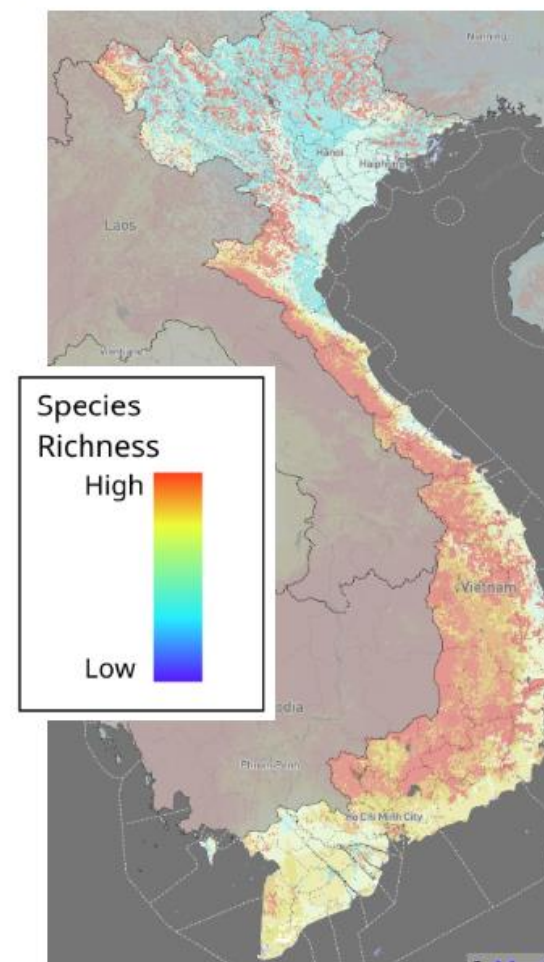
(IUCN, 2020 using 2018 data)

Protected Areas: Viet Nam



Open Data 2021, Mapshaper

Species Richness: Viet Nam



NBSAP Forum, 2015



Measuring Biodiversity

Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool

- Identify native species
- Identify protected area boundaries
- Inform a preliminary determination of Critical Habitat
- Identify conservation experts/organisations for planning





IUCN Green List of Protected Areas



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Ministry of Environment
Republic of Korea



<https://iucngreenlist.org/>

The IUCN Green List is a global campaign for **successful nature conservation**.

At its heart is the **Green List Sustainability Standard** that provides a global benchmark for how to meet the environmental challenges of the 21st century.

The IUCN Green List offers **locally relevant expert guidance** to help achieve fair and effective nature conservation results in protected and conserved areas.

It can help guarantee that **wildlife and ecosystems can survive, thrive and bring value to communities**.

Protecting and Restoring Biodiversity



Credit: Andre Gunther

- National biodiversity assessments
- Source-to-sea approaches
- National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan Steering Committees: multi-stakeholders, communities, sectors

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Credit: Livelihoods Fund

- Set targets and actions
- Build capacity to reduce pressure on biodiversity
- Biodiversity management and species management are linked to waste management policies and action
- Need key indicators and metrics for measurement for monitoring of plastic waste and leakage



What can Jeju and the Republic of Korea do?



Collaboration opportunities:

- Understand the national plastic pollution situation
- Review the Master Plan for Ocean and Fisheries Development (2021~2030) for gaps on plastic pollution impacts
- Assess policy integration aspects for plastics, waste management, tourism, and fisheries
- Prepare for the Global Plastics Treaty
- Expand Circular Economy practices, recycling
- Technology and knowledge transfer to SIDS, LDCs – leapfrogging technical barriers to progress – mainstreaming Jeju's and Korea's knowledge and leadership



Thank you!



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