Join us in being part of the solution to marine pollution
Fast Track Fiji
Tackling waste plastic in Fiji is everybody’s business

The Ocean Ambassadors Fast Track Fiji program is designed to be a scalable model for island nations to replicate; with the direct goal of minimizing plastic pollution and offering local processing utilities.

For this to become a reality in Fiji, we all must do our part. The first step toward this goal is constructing an achievable template for businesses to follow. We have created this Hotel Engagement Pack for you to begin the process of being responsible for the waste we all create at the workplace.

Waste is a resource. Fiji can recover millions of dollars in value by recycling plastics.

The hospitality sector plays a vital role in preserving the destinations they offer to the global market. This industry thrives on offering a pristine location for its clients and can potentially hold the key to keeping it this way.

With an estimated 700,000 tourists visiting Fiji annually, and a population of 1,000,000 we must take controlled action on the additional waste created, streamline the recovery process and enable this country to grow positively.

You become part of the solution by engaging in action. This pack outlines simple steps designed to make it easy for any hospitality operation to be responsible for waste plastics generated on site and aim you in the direction to dispose of it properly.

If you would like to further engage with The Ocean Ambassadors on sponsoring school programs and developing our proposed working model for complete waste-plastic remediation in Fiji, feel free to contact us at anytime to become a partner!

Capt Adrian Midwood
Managing Director, Ocean Ambassadors
Why you should start recycling plastics today

Environmental impacts

While plastics are useful in our everyday life, the negative environmental impact cannot be ignored. Plastic pollution is a very real threat to the world’s ecosystems, especially our oceans and marine wildlife. Everyday plastics enter our ocean and can take up to hundreds of years to degrade. In a world moving towards environmental change, it is of significant business value for tourists and guests to see recycling practices in place.

**Plastics kill** over 1 million sea birds, one hundred thousand marine mammals, and thousands of turtles every year

**20 million tonnes of toxic plastic makes its way into the world’s oceans every year!** These plastics break down into smaller toxic particles called micro-plastics which are ingested by marine life, like fish, and end up back on our dinner plates.

**80% of all marine litter comes from plastics on land!** Starting a plastics recycling program today will immediately create change for the betterment of our environment and future generations.
Business impacts

Recycling plastics is not only important for the environment it is vital to the success and sustainability of Fijian businesses. As an island nation Fiji experiences the first-hand consequences of plastic pollution at land and sea. It is urgent that we take action today to help protect your business and the future of industries in Fiji.

**Plastics cause direct economic impact of US$13 billion per year in environmental damage and financial losses to tourism**

➤ Fiji’s primary industry is Tourism and these damages will impact businesses with greater magnitude than other nations
➤ Asia Pacific region estimates US$1.3 billion in losses to tourism and like industries

**The total natural capital cost of plastics used in the consumer goods industry is US$75 billion per year,** much of this value is lost when plastics are sent to the landfill rather than being recycled.

➤ Fiji has no responsible plastic recycling program. As a nation, Fiji can recover millions of dollars in value by recycling plastics that currently go to landfill instead!

Studies show that Companies that adopted sustainability practices more than 15 years ago, such as plastic reduction and recycling are **outperforming their competitors and making more money annually!**

➤ Implementing new sustainability practices will in turn create other avenues where businesses can save money in other areas of their operation

**Quantity of waste and related disposal costs are projected to DOUBLE by 2025!**

**Employee benefits**

Changing your business habits creates **more responsible, educated and engaged employees.**

Inspiration and a sense of pride in your business can **create better customer to client relations.**

Caring about your business practices **generates care about the business big picture.**
About plastics

Plastics are one of the most useful and important materials in our society. There are 7 different types used for a variety of products and uses.

The 7 Classifications of Plastics by SPI code (Society of Plastics Industry)

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<th>Number</th>
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| 1      | PET    | Polyethylene Terephthalate  
soft drink bottles, water bottles, juice containers, cooking oil, salad dressing and containers |
| 2      | HDPE   | High Density Polyethylene  
shopping bags, freezer bags, ice-cream tubs, juice bottles, shampoo/chemical/detergent bottles |
| 3      | PVC    | Polyvinyl Chloride  
cosmetic containers, bubble foil, garden hoses, shoe soles |
| 4      | LDPE   | Low Density Polyethylene  
cling wrap, garbage bags, squeeze bottles, irrigation tubing, refuse bag |
| 5      | PP     | Polypropylene  
bottles, ice-cream tubs, potato chip bags, straws, microwave dishes, lunch boxes, packaging tape, garden furniture |
| 6      | PS     | Polystyrene  
toys, cd cases, cassettes, vending cups, cosmetic bags |
| 7      | Other  | Miscellaneous  
bulk sized water bottles, ketchup bottles |
How to start a plastic recycling program today!

1. **Set up 2 Recycling bins - PET & Mixed Plastics**
   Although there are 7 different plastic codes we only need to separate the PET plastics from all other types! Simply check the bottom of the plastic to see if it is a **#1 - PET code** and place it in the PET plastics bin. All other plastics will go into the **MIXED plastics bin**.

   **Main plastic drop point**
   All collected plastics from your hotel will go to this area. It will ideally be adjacent to your current garbage area.

   **Rooms and Communal Bins**
   Either set up 2 plastic bins in each hotel room and where waste bins currently are or train staff to separate when collecting. Our infographics will make it easy for your guests and employees to identify which plastics go in which bin.

2. **Plastic Collection**
   Plastics are collected in two types, PET and mixed. PET plastics will go in its own separate bin and MIXED plastics in its own.

   Staff should collect the plastics daily and put in the MAIN plastic drop points where it can be collected by our waste management team.

3. **Plastic Pick-up**
   Much like how your current garbage is managed, the same process will be with recyclable plastics. Based on your plastic output, our team will ensure your plastics are collected on a consistent and reliable schedule.

What happens to the plastics?

The collected plastics will be recycled and upcycled through various technologies by our community partners! PET plastics can be turned into fibres to make clothing or shredded into flakes to make new plastic products! Mixed plastics can be upcycled into environmentally friendly alternative fuels or recycled to make similar plastic products!

We want to hear about your efforts and promote and support your commitment to a cleaner ocean!
Best practice for reducing plastic waste

Staff practices

✓ Have your staff ask first or only provide a plastic straw if requested by guests
✓ Implement a self-serve straw option instead
✓ Offer an option to provide hotel guests water in refillable glass bottles rather than plastic bottles
✓ Switch to refillable ceramic shampoo, conditioner, and soap containers instead of disposing of plastics every time
✓ Offer discounts for selling beverages (coffee/tea) in refillable containers
✓ Sell branded reusable coffee cups in-store and offer ongoing loyalty discount to purchasers when they use it
✓ Encourage your staff in weekly meetings to think about ways to reduce plastic waste or other waste in daily business operations

Other waste practices

Proper waste management is not solely about tackling just one stream of waste, such as plastics, but about how we can effectively manage all waste streams from our business.

✓ Recycle glass bottles
✓ Contact your local bottle collector to have glass reused.
✓ Create an organics food composting program
✓ Making compost from leftover food is easy and creates a valuable nutrient for growing food.
✓ Scrap metal recycling
✓ Contact a local metal recycler to divert your used metals away from the landfill.
## Waste Recycling Companies in Fiji

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<td>Recycling &amp; Waste Transport Permit</td>
<td>Mr. Edmund Sang Woo Kim</td>
<td>☎️ 3100000  📧 <a href="mailto:jeil@naver.com">jeil@naver.com</a>  📧 P.O Box 5400, Raiwaqa</td>
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<td>Mr. Sunil Singh</td>
<td>☎️ 3362757  📧 <a href="mailto:pacific_scrap@yahoo.com">pacific_scrap@yahoo.com</a>  📧 P.O Box 3440, Lami</td>
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<td>Mr. Vishwa Reddy Manager</td>
<td>☎️ 3314500  📧 <a href="mailto:vishwa.reddy@bspsteel.com.fj">vishwa.reddy@bspsteel.com.fj</a></td>
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<td>Mr. Nilesh Prasad</td>
<td>☎️ 3394333 (ext223)  📧 <a href="mailto:nilesh.kumar@anz.ccamatil.com">nilesh.kumar@anz.ccamatil.com</a></td>
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“We need to respect the oceans and take care of them as if our lives depended on it. Because they do.”

Sylvia Earle

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