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Article 9. Existing Plastic Pollution

1. Each Party should, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities:

a) Identify, map, evaluate and prioritize locations or accumulation zones most affected by existing plastic pollution within its national jurisdiction, and cooperate with other Parties to do so in areas beyond national jurisdiction as and where appropriate;

b) Take appropriate mitigation, removal and remediation measures, including clean-up activities in such identified affected locations or accumulation zones within areas of national jurisdiction, and in areas beyond national jurisdiction as and where appropriate; and

c) Collect data and information on existing plastic pollution to support further research, monitoring and effectiveness evaluation, and include such information in its reports pursuant to Article 15.

2. When implementing any activities under paragraph 1, each Party should:

a) take into account any relevant guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties, and as appropriate, relevant provisions of other international agreements;

b) take into account the best available science and relevant technologies for environmentally sound remediation, traditional and local knowledge systems, and Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge, as appropriate; and

c) promote the engagement of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, civil society, scientists, and the private sector, as appropriate.

3. Parties recognize the importance of means of implementation relating to financial resources, transfer of technology, public awareness, and capacity building, as well as the special circumstances of Small Island Developing States, as well as of Least Developed Countries and economies in transition, and are encouraged to cooperate with each other and with relevant intergovernmental organizations and other entities, as appropriate, to build regional and national capacity for the implementation of this article.

4. The Conference of the Parties shall adopt guidance to facilitate the implementation of this Article.