

Article 9
Existing Plastic Pollution

1. Each Party is encouraged to:

(a) Identify, evaluate and prioritize accumulation zones most affected by existing plastic pollution, including where quantities and types of plastic pollution pose a threat to human health, species or habitats, in their terrestrial, freshwater, wetland, coastal and marine environments ; and

(b) Take environmentally sound mitigation and removal measures within their national jurisdiction, including public awareness and clean-up activities, in such accumulation zones identified by the Party, recognizing the importance of tailoring approaches to local circumstances.

2. Each Party should endeavor to collect data and information on existing plastic pollution to support research and monitoring efforts, taking into account Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and practices, available science, existing regional and international mechanisms, and local knowledge.

3. Each Party is encouraged to promote engagement of local populations, civil society, researchers, [scientists,] as well as the private sector, in activities pursuant to paragraph 1.

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