

REPUBLIC OF FIJI NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY



PROTECTING OUR OCEANS

The National Ocean Policy represents the Fijian Government commitment to conserve and ensure sustainable use of our ocean and marine resources.

VISION

A healthy ocean that sustains the livelihoods and aspirations of current and future generations of Fiji.



MISSION

To secure and sustainably manage all of Fiji's ocean and marine resources.

POLICY GOALS

The National Ocean Policy is based around seven integrated goals which are:



SNAPSHOT OF FIJI'S OCEAN RESOURCES



Ecosystem Services

Fiji's Marine Ecosystem Services are valued at FJ\$2.5 billion.

Buffers

Coral reefs and mangroves provide more than FJ\$21.2 million in coastal protection value.



Tourism

The tourism sector contributes 29% towards Fiji's GDP with over 90% of tourism attractions in Fiji being maritime or coastal-based.

Carbon storage

Fiji contributes FJ\$148 million worth of carbon storage to the world.



Fisheries

More than FJ\$60 million in GDP is from fishing and aquaculture (Post Covid-19).



Mangroves and coral reefs are being lost at 2-3% per year. By 2050, we may lose FJ\$213 million in ecosystem services!



The Ban on Single Use Plastics

Plastic threatens many marine species. To understand the seriousness and urgency of the issue, **just look at the numbers.**

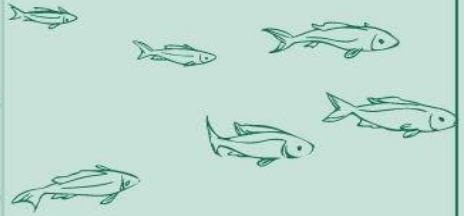


58 thousand tonnes

estimated amount of plastic waste to be generated nationally per year by 2025

90%

Of fish species sampled in the greater suva area contain traces of micro-plastics



135 tonnes

of plastic waste mismanaged on a daily basis with most entering the marine environment

There are so many ways you can reduce your plastic footprint. For more information, head to https://www.economy.gov.fj/index.php/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=10

Ban on Plastics



Fiji banned the sale, manufacture, supply and distribution of plastic bags in January, 2020.



The Environment Management Act (EMA) 2019, defines plastic bags as a carry bag that is made entirely or in part of polyethylene and is less than 50 microns in thickness

What is allowed?

This ban does not apply to a carry bag that is:

- an integral part of packaging such as pre-packaged off the shelf items or plastic bags for carrying bread;
- used as garbage bags and bin liners; and
- bags above 50 microns in thickness

Penalties

A person manufacturing plastic is liable to pay a fine of up-to **FJ \$500,000** and/or a term of up to **7 years imprisonment**.

A person selling, supplying or making a plastic bag is liable to pay a fine of up-to **FJ \$150,000** and/or a term of up to **2 years imprisonment**.



What has Government done to assist this transition?

- Duty on non-woven bags increased from 15% - 32%.
- Import duty on raw materials for production of non-woven bags is decreased to zero percent.
- Fiscal duty on paper/bamboo straws, paper containers, paper cups, paper plates, biodegradable kitchenware and tableware is reduced to zero percent.



Fiji Polystyrene Ban

SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

These are the four polystyrene products
banned in Fiji

Do you still use them?



Polystyrene cups



polystyrene
containers



Polystyrene trays



Polystyrene
plates

This ban does not apply to:

- Polystyrene used as cushioning packed products;
- polystyrene used as building materials;
- polystyrene materials used as cooler boxes; and
- polystyrene sponges and foam mattresses.

Non-compliance

- A person manufacturing banned polystyrene products is liable to a fine not exceeding \$500,000 and or 7 years imprisonment.
- A person who sells banned polystyrene products is liable to a fine not exceeding \$150,000 and/or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years.

it's time to take action!

There are so many ways you can reduce your impact on the environment. For more information, head to <https://fijiclimatechangeportal.gov.fj/>

Fiji UN OCEANS

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Accelerating and contributing to the implementation of SDG14 - Life Below Water

8.3 OF EEZ BY 2024

Marine Protected Areas

100,000 NEW JOBS

Sustainable Aquaculture

REAL TIME SURVEILLANCE BY 2030

Ocean security

REMOVAL OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC

Plastic free

OCEANS INTEGRATED INTO CURRICULUM

Ocean literacy

LOWER EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS

Carbon neutrality

SUSTAINABLY FARMED OCEAN PRODUCTS

160 thousand tonnes

ALL FISHING NETS IN FIJI

Biodegradables