ADDRESSING PLASTIC POLLUTION IS PART OF TUNISIA’S VISION TO DEVELOP THE BLUE ECONOMY

Tunisia aims to improve waste management and adopt inclusive and circular models to make Tunisian coastlines free from plastics.

Improvements in waste management will reduce the leakage of mismanaged plastic waste to the sea—currently at 17,000 tons per year, according to Tunisia’s first national assessment.

ECOLEF – The first extended producer responsibility scheme for packaging in North Africa, which has improved collection of plastics, but has yet to reach its full potential.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

- Ensure good governance of plastic waste.
- Design a successful financial model to prevent and reduce plastic pollution.
- Integrate management of plastic waste from land, costal and marine sources.
- Develop research and innovation to combat marine plastic pollution.
- Strengthen education, awareness and communication.
- Use of single-use plastic bags is limited since January 16, 2020 (Decree No.32)

Actions ahead

Tunisia has identified 84 measures and 44 projects as part of its strategy to prevent and reduce marine plastic pollution.

HOTSPOT AND SENSITIVE AREAS FOR MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION

9.5 kg/km is the daily plastic flow along the Mediterranean coast.

Sfax is one of Tunisia’s four priority hotspots. This is due to the fishing activities in the area and the high levels of plastic waste leaking into the sea from the city.