Supporting action against marine plastic pollution

OVERALL OUTCOMES OF MENA BLUE TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN MOROCCO AND TUNISIA

Every year countries in the Middle East and North Africa release 6kg of plastic waste per person into the surrounding waters.

Through MENA BLUE, the World Bank supports efforts by the governments of Morocco and Tunisia to address marine plastic pollution.

24 Hotspots
and sensitive areas identified

56 virtual workshops
held to facilitate stakeholder participation

The LISP approach

The participatory LISP approach was developed with governments, the private sector, local authorities, NGOs and other stakeholders.

LISP PROCESS:
Assessment → Strategy → Action plan

The model promotes continuous stakeholder participation; from the selection of indicators for measuring pollution to development of action plans and policy.

Mapping the problem

National assessments highlighted mismanaged waste as a significant contributor to marine plastic pollution.

1 priority hotspot, 3 hotspots, and 7 sensitive areas were identified in Morocco.

4 priority hotspots, 5 hotspots, and 4 sensitive areas were identified in Tunisia.

155 measures and 80 projects were identified in the two countries to address marine plastic pollution.

MOROCCO: 71 measures and 41 projects
TUNISIA: 84 measures and 44 projects

Policy development support

Both countries have developed national strategies and action plans to address marine plastic pollution by taking actions across the plastic value chain.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
- Circular economy
- Improve waste management
- Good governance
- Enhance legal framework
- Stakeholder participation
- Education & Awareness
- Improve financing
- Research & Innovation