

# COUNTRY REPORT: MALAYSIA

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# Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA)



## Design for Plastics Circularity Challenge (DPCC) 2024





A collaboration between MPMA and **Dow** with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) as university partners. A competition open to all universities and higher education institutions is currently on-going to provide a platform for students to submit and develop innovation ideas on plastics circularity and sustainability.

#### Three competition pillars:

- Innovative and sustainable plastics packaging
- 2. Methods to reuse or recycle single-use plastics products
- 3. Plastics waste management technologies



#### The Green Truck 2024





In collaboration with **Petronas Chemicals Group (PCG)**, MPMA and its Branches organised the PCG Be Green and the Green Truck Workshop in Klang Valley, Penang, Perak and Johor. More than 5,000 students from 10 schools learnt about the process of plastics recycling and responsible plastics usage and management through the practice of waste separation at source (SAS) and the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).



### Don't Be A Litterbug Campaign 2024





The participants of the anti-litter campaign during the Borneo Marathon 2024.

400 kg of rubbish collected from Borneo Marathon

MPMA revived its Don't Be A Litterbug campaign to champion the message of anti-littering and using a bin at major festivals and public events such as marathons. Bins were provided at such events for the public to dispose their waste and MPMA volunteers also educated the public on the correct way to separate recyclables from non-recyclables.



# **Achieving Net Zero**



#### Promotion of Renewable Energy







MPMA established partnerships with solar energy companies to promote the usage of renewable energy within the plastics industry in Malaysia.



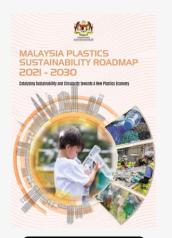


# Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)



#### **Current Status of EPR**













Key national policies on plastics feature **Extended Producer Responsibility** (EPR) as a funding mechanism to increase plastics recovery and recycling activities. EPR is currently **voluntarily adopted** by several international FMCG companies.

Under the National Circular Economy Council (NCEC), a feasibility study is currently undertaken by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government on the enactment of a **Circular Economy Act**, in which EPR will be an element in the legislation.

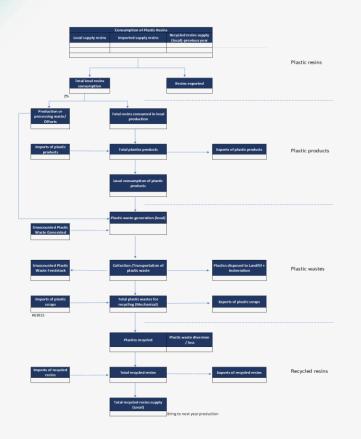




# Strategies for Utilising Plastics Waste



## 1. Material Flow Analysis (MFA)



The National Circular Economy Council (NCEC) under the Ministry of Housing and Local Government approved MPMA's proposal for the adoption of MFA to determine the national recycling rate.

Work is currently on-going with the Ministry to firstly perfect the MFA for plastics, which then can be used as a reference/model for the development of MFA for other materials.

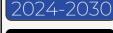
Only by understanding the movement of plastics via MFA, more effective strategies can be developed to better manage and utilize plastics waste in the country.



## 2. MPMA's Plastics Neutrality Masterplan 2024-2030

MPMA'S ROADMAP TO PLASTICS NEUTRALITY		2024 - 2026	2027 - 2028	2029 - 2030	- F
ADVOCACY	INDUSTRY	Provide tax incentives for manufacturers to enhance product design/innovation Provide grants for R&D to make circular products	Enforce mandatory EPR     Green procurement by     Government on circular products	Improve data collection and reporting structure on waste	z
	SUSTAINABILITY	ESG training and resource page on WWW     Improve and adopt Material Flow Analysis     Increase Operation Clean Sweep (OCS)     promotion	Encourage OCS along plastics value chain     Plastics chemicals framework or database	Plastics Neutrality     Carbon Net Zero	2
CIRCULAR ECONOMY	CIRCULAR ECONOMY	Harmonise requirements for recycled content measurement and certification     Impose minimum circular content targets	Halal standards for recycled products		
	RECYCLING	Enforce product labelling     Enforce public actions on non-compliance with waste separation at source (SAS)	Increase Material Recovery     Facility (MRFs) nationwide	Have chemical recycling operational at scale	
COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA)	WASTE MANAGEMENT	Launch Don't Be a Litterbug (DBALB)     programme     Enhance CEPA for SAS			
	MISCONCEPTIONS	Revive effort for the Plastics, Sustainability and You (PSYE) Module     Organise university programmes	Enhance inter-ministerial and public-private knowledge sharing     Formally adopt PSYE Module in schools		
	COLLECTION ACTIVITIES	Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)	Formalise informal sector		









### 3. Exploring Financial Mechanism



To increase activities surrounding plastics recovery and recycling, and to prepare for the Global Plastics Treaty implementation, MPMA is exploring multiple potential financing mechanism such as plastics credits, outcomes-based financing and more.





# Operation Clean Sweep (OCS)





# Global Impact Report

2023

#### 2023 OCS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT A GLANCE



The global OCS member count reached more than 5,000 with more than 300 new companies joining OCS for the first time in 2023.





In 2023, OCS launched one new program in 2023: OCS Malaysia.



More than 50 countries across Europe implemented data reporting.



Three OCS programs
launched external inspection
programs: OCS Europe, OCS
Turkey, and OCS Blue in the
U.S., representing more than
50 countries.



### **OCS Updates**

- OCS Global Impact Report 2023 launched in early 2024: <a href="https://opcleansweep.org/about/global-impact-report/">https://opcleansweep.org/about/global-impact-report/</a>
- Current active OCS operators in Asia: Malaysia and Singapore
- PLASTICS organised OCS Conference 2024 and awarded OCS Difference Maker Award to three individual champions who have gone above and beyond in their efforts towards achieving zero resin loss
- OCS UK developed an OCS Training Programme for their OCS signatories and any company that handles plastics pellets, flakes or powder for free: <a href="https://www.polymercourses.com/operation-clean-sweep-training-course-page/">https://www.polymercourses.com/operation-clean-sweep-training-course-page/</a>
- Development of an OCS ISO International Standard is on-going, led by PLASTICS.

# Thank you!

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