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## SAVE OUR SEAS INITIATIVE

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## How USAID is Preventing Ocean Plastic Pollution

*This World Oceans Day, USAID is pleased to release the first annual report on our flagship Save Our Seas Initiative to combat ocean plastic pollution.*



### ***The Challenge Facing our Oceans***

Ocean plastic pollution has reached crisis levels: every minute an entire garbage truck's worth of plastic enters the world's oceans. This deluge of plastic is threatening the world's delicate marine ecosystems, global industries such as fishing and tourism, food security, and ultimately human health.

In response to these mounting challenges, USAID launched the **Save Our Seas Initiative** - a global effort to combat ocean plastic pollution. Kicked off in June 2022, this initiative includes \$103 million in FY21 and FY22 funding and was designed to support implementation of the landmark Save Our Seas Act 2.0 of 2020. The Save Our Seas Initiative includes 14 national and regional USAID programs in key countries and regions that represent 40 percent of total global mismanaged plastic waste.



## The Goal of the Save Our Seas Initiative

### To end plastic pollution by 2040

#### Impact to Date



Equivalent of **6.5 billion plastic bottles** prevented from leaking into the environment. (60,000 metric tons of plastic waste managed)



**9.2 million people** benefitted from improved waste services through USAID's support, resulting in co-benefits such as cleaner air, water, and community health



**\$108.5 million** in public and private funding mobilized for local recycling and solid waste management systems

For more, including highlights from our work in Vietnam, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Peru, Kenya, Maldives, and Sri Lanka, [download the full report.](#)

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