

Brainstorming Session on Marine Pollution Mitigation and Control at National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR)

National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), Ministry of Earth Science, Government of India organized a brainstorming session on marine pollution mitigation and control held at NCCR, Chennai, Tamil Nadu during 23-24 January 2020. The Session was attended by enthusiastic officials from State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) of coastal States.



The purpose of this Session was to discuss ways to control marine pollution, including limiting single-use plastics, recycling them and keeping it out of the ocean. In addition, measures were to be taken to reduce the amount of "new" plastic in circulation. Many local bodies around the world have already banned single-use plastic bags, takeout containers and bottles. Similarly, we should support such policies in our communities. We should avoid products that use plastic microbeads of "polyethylene" and "polypropylene", for example, many of our cosmetic products. We should groups and non-profit organizations working to reduce and eliminate ocean plastic pollution.

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