Marine Conservation from Microplastics

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Abstract— Environment is in continuous change to serve life in various forms on land and water. The cost of these services result negative changes in environment resulting pollution. It moves to oceans either it is generated inside or outside. Plastic pollution is most irreparable among these. It tends to minimize and stop environmental rich activities. Furthermore it moves towards destruction of physical and biological systems in marine environments. It results ecosystems damage and economy failure.

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LIFE is maintained by its organic processes and natural reserves in oceans and continents of the planet earth. Oceans comprise 75% of the earth's surface to stay and sustain rich marine life (Balasubramanian, 2007). Pollution, either it is generated on earth or in sea it reaches to oceans is a common observation.

This is the reason to put on efforts to conserve oceans to protect marine environment. The first conference on environmental conservation in 1926 resulted to shield seabirds from beached and open sea pollutions. It provides basis to the first marine pollution convention 1973 (McIntyre, 2003). Coastal countries, land locked or partially coastal like Pakistan all depend directly or indirectly on oceans. Because the marine environment is largely hosting: marine biodiversity, tourism, trade and transport of the world (Bergmann et al., 2015). The accumulation of litter (Galloway et al., 2015; Klages, 2015), primarily plastic is a universal and eternal hazard to marine resources and environment. Micro plastics (MPs) are commonly dumped equally in beaches, open sea and deep oceans (Yu et al., 2018).

The rate of generation and accumulation of MPs is associated with highly populated regions of the planet earth (Yonkos et al., 2014). Particular sources of MPs in water bodies are various packaging materials, plastic bottles and food processing containers in fibrous or particulate matter form (Mendoza & Balcer, 2019).

Plastic materials like surgical face masks are usually disposed in landfills or littering in open dumpsites gain entry to canals, rivers and ultimately oceans. Flooding, leaching and wind are also ways to get into water channels for these polymeric constituents (Aragaw, 2020). Disintegration of numerous plastic materials depends on various ecological conditions specifically temperature, humidity, salinity and so on (Schmidt et al., 2018). Research efforts to overcome with causes, supply and accumulation of MPs in various ecosystems are in progress (Nelms et al., 2017). Marine plastic collected as little plastic debris are warped after broken into fragments of plastic litter by the influence of water. Whereas water waves with high velocity or steady phase stimulate it (Brouzet, et al., 2021). A simple initiative can be to introduce reduce, reuse, recycle and recover i-e [4Rs-strategy] to avoid plastic waste accumulation in oceans (Oloyede, O. O., & Lignou, 2021). Various approaches in different studies have been struggled to implement. These techniques to buoyant MPs in suspension are highly specific regarding the selected species of an ecosystem and tasks under consideration (Salaberria, et al., 2020). Like rotation (Beiras & Tato, 2019; Beiras et al., 2018), shaking (Beiras et al., 2018), ultrasound (Fernández & Albentosa, 2019; Zhang et al., 2017), stirring (Canniff & Hoang, 2018; Van Cauwenberghe et al., 2015), air bubbling (Karami, 2017; Sussarellu et al., 2017) and inclusion of dispersants (Paul-Pont et al., 2016). The global distress of MP fibers and filaments generated as anthropogenic poisons exist in < 5 mm range of diameter (Crichton et al., 2017; Yu et al., 2016; Mathalon & Hill, 2014). The chemical configurations of MPs appeared in sediments are usually polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene and polyvinylchloride i-e PE, PP, PS and PVC respectively (Abidli et al., 2017; Wessel et al., 2016; Vianello et al., 2013). Most of the coastal regions of the world are facing this contamination as a severe source to loss marine life. These MPs are highly persistent so slightly become part of marine ecosystems (Dodson et al., 2020). An example is Zooplankton browsing of microplastic will surely fasten inclusive loss of oceanic oxygen (Kvale,2021).

Blue Economy (BE) in its prime frame is to institute the nature cycles to recycle and innovatively made functional the anthropogenic waste. Furthermore, it comprises proper use of marine resources by reducing ecological vulnerability and boost human affluence. It covers all commercial exercises associated with the seas, ports and shore zones like trade, transport, and tourism and so on (Islam, Rahaman & Ahmed, 2018). Blue Economy defines the human and ocean relations regarding natural capital, ocean business, small islands development and fisheries as a source of revenue (Silver et al., 2015). Sustainable development Goal 14, deals with marine conservation. It states the importance of ocean fre of pollution will be available more for human benefits. Principally economic growth needs this promotion (Euzen, 2017).

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4 Conclusion

Marine life is directly suffering from plastic waste. It is dumped as form of munciple solid wastes to water sources. It worsens the situation when it reaches to rivers, streams, seas and oceans. It results Microplastics becoming a part of every environment and ecosystem. To conserve marine life from microplastics is practiced by scientific and engineering efforts. To achieve SDGs 2030, blue economy booste is a demand. Effective trials are a dire need to preserve this blue gold.

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