

## ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO CELEBRATE THE 2023 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

- Reduce usage of single use plastic.



[www.lessplastic.co.uk](http://www.lessplastic.co.uk)

- **Participate in Community Clean-Up or River Clean-up Campaigns:** Rivers carry plastic waste from deep inland to the sea.
- **Support Eco-Friendly Businesses:** These are businesses that practice Green Supply Chain Management such as investing in eco-friendly packaging, use organic ingredients to produce products that have less environmental footprint.

- Recycle and know how to identify recyclables.



Source: <https://www.considerate-consumer.com>

**“Only we humans make waste that nature can’t digest”.**

– Charles Moore, Oceanographer

Save  
Troposphere not to become  
plastisphere

For more info: visit our social  
pages and District offices

**#Beatplasticpollution#**

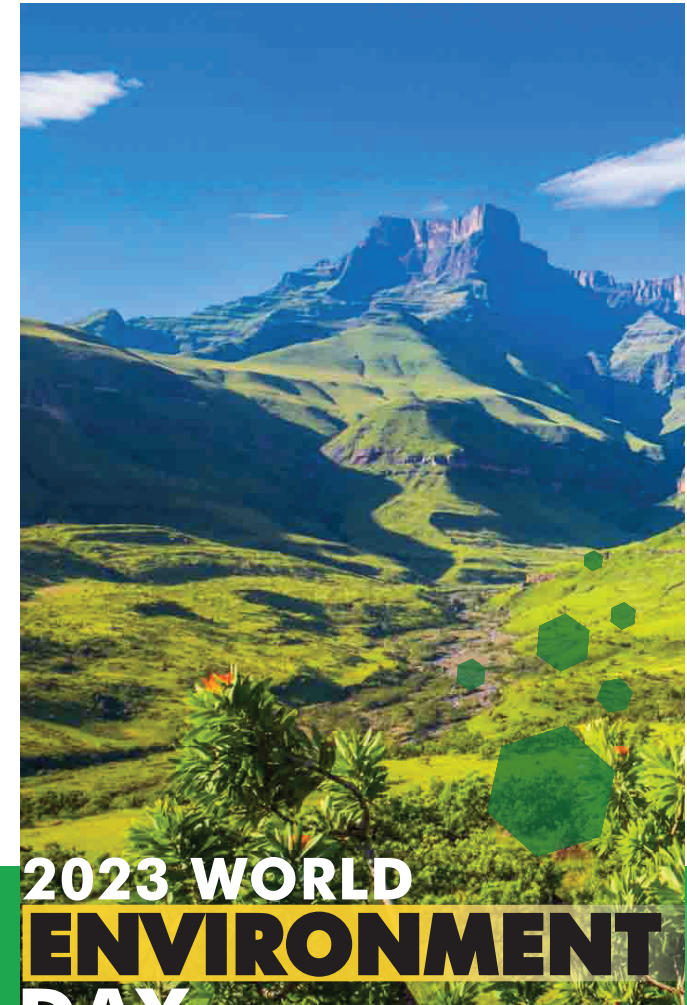


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**KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM  
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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



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**“Beat Plastic  
Pollution”**

The World Environment Day was established in 1972 and its first celebration was in 1973. The day is celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June of each year.

The World Environment Day is the special flagship day for raising awareness on environmental issues such as marine pollution, overpopulation, global warming, sustainable development and wildlife crime.

Different countries are offered an opportunity to host this global celebration. The host country for 2023 is Côte d'Ivoire in partnership with the Netherlands. The theme for the 2023 World Environment Day is “**Beat Plastic Pollution**”.

This theme seeks to provide a focus on existing and encourage further solutions to plastic pollution that has exploited and deteriorated the environmental quality.

While plastic has many valuable uses, we have become addicted to single-use plastic products – with severe environmental, social, economic and health consequences.

Example of single use plastic products that are everywhere include:

1 PET	2 HDPE	3 PVC	4 LDPE	5 PP	6 PS	7 OTHER
POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE	HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE	POLYVINYL CHLORIDE	LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE	POLYPROPYLENE	POLYSTYRENE	OTHER
WATER BOTTLES; JARS; CAPS	SHAMPOO BOTTLES; GROCERY BAGS	CLEANING PRODUCTS; SHEETINGS	BREAD BAGS; PLASTIC FILMS	YOGURT CUPS; STRAWS; HANGERS	TAKE-AWAY AND HARD PACKAGING; TOYS	BABY BOTTLES; NYLON; CDS
						

source: <https://www.considerate-consumer.com/single-use-plastic-alternatives>

The 2023 World Environment Day serves as a reminder to reflect on actions that have been taken by the different role players to address plastic pollution. In South Africa, the government, business sector and the community have introduced multiple solutions to **#BeatPlasticPollution#**.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT INTERVENTIONS BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT INCLUDE:

- The National Waste Management Strategy which encourages the transition from linear to circular waste management especially through cooperative governance. The strategy promotes the reduction, re-using, recycling and recovery of waste, and further encourages proper local waste collection at household level and ensuring Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement to regulate waste such as plastics.
- In 2019, the President of the Republic of South Africa launched the Good Green Deeds Programme to positively drive a clean South Africa that is free from littering and illegal dumping. This is well recognised by Section 24 of the Constitution which stipulates a right to an environment that is not harmful to human health and wellbeing, and further adds that the environment must be protected through legislation and other measures such as environmental awareness.
- The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) has been conducting climate change and environmental awareness workshops and clean-up campaigns to promote environmentally responsible societies in the Province.

- Implementing the Cleanest Municipality Competition (CMC) across the Province. The CMC seeks to encourage Municipalities to maintain clean and green environments.
- The Department further rolls out a School Environmental Education Programme (SEEP) to nurture environmentally responsible learners who are the leaders of the future.
- Supports Youth and Women in Environment projects.



Source: Sidlangoludala environmental education centre

- EDTEA also has Material recovery Facility in Cedara for E-waste recycling.
- 1000 Waste Jobs Project across the Province that creates of temporary jobs for clean illegal dumping hot spots, street cleaning and landfill management.