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Project/Concept (short version)

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Project subject:

Timely, consistent implementation of practical measures that are urgently needed at international level to sustainably improve the current global natural and environmental situation, especially with a view to the current global (plastic) waste situation.

Realization of these measures by already existing international project groups (PGs).

Corresponding expansion of the current capacities of these PGs.

Funding for these measures through international politics.

I. The Situation

1.

The current international natural and environmental situation must now be described as 'catastrophic'.

In particular, this applies to the current international (plastic) waste situation.

The current international corona situation has exacerbated this problem.

See the posts at the following links:

1.

https://www.t-online.de/nachrichten/panorama/id_91108054/corona-pandemie-verursacht-millionen-tonnen-plastikmuell.html

2.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ppe-plastics-waste-polluting-ocean-covid-19-pandemic>

3.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/nov/08/about-26000-tonnes-of-plastic-covid-waste-pollutes-worlds-oceans-study>

This current international natural and environmental situation is currently already generating a significant risk potential for the life and health of the world population (!).

In this regard, reference is made in particular to the relevant current study by Mr. Dr. David Boyd (UN).

See the posts at the following links:

1.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/pollution-causing-more-deaths-than-covid-action-needed-says-un-expert-2022-02-15/>

2.

https://www.t-online.de/gesundheit/id_91670524/un-bericht-umweltverschmutzung-verursacht-mehr-tote-als-corona.html

2.

International politics is responsible for eliminating or improving this current natural and environmental situation.

International politics is also aware of this responsibility. But it has not been able to change the current international nature and environmental situation (to the extent required).

The main reasons for this are:

a)

There is a lack of concepts as to how existing (theoretical) knowledge can be implemented practically and sustainably.

b)

There is a lack of personnel and logistical capacities that are required for the practical implementation of corresponding concepts.

3.

The financial means that would be required for the realization of corresponding concepts are available from the political side (or could be made available).

Appropriate means are often used incorrectly.

So for example, millions EUR/USD/..... are spent on research, studies, analyses, etc. that deal with the current situation - and possibly with how this situation could be

changed - but then no (or only insufficient) practice measures are taken to put the knowledge.

It should also be noted that the current situation has already been adequately analysed, researched and evaluated - so that no further research work is currently required here.

On the other hand, there is an urgent need for a sustainable concept as to how the current catastrophic situation cited can be eliminated in a timely manner through practical measures or improved (in a first step) (!).

4.

While on the one hand (on the political side) there is a lack of structures, logistics and capacities that could permanently change the current situation, but the necessary financial resources are available (or can be made available), is on the other hand the opposite is the case.

What is meant are the international project groups (PGs) that have existed worldwide for many years and carry out extensive practical work to improve the current global natural and environmental situation in the long term.

Several hundred thousand people are already organized in these PGs.

These PGs have the necessary prerequisites (specialist knowledge, logistics, structures, etc.) and the possibilities for their expansion - but they lack the financial means to be able to further expand their activities to the required extent.

There is a mismatch here that needs to be remedied.

This is exactly where this project concept comes in (see Section II).

II. The solution (first measures)

1. Prerequisite

There is a 'bridge to build' between

a)
of international politics, which is factually responsible and which can provide the necessary financial means - but which does not, or not sufficiently, succeed in the practical implementation of the necessary concepts

and

b)
the PGs cited under section I/4, with the aim of making financial resources available to the cited PGs participating in the concept, which will enable these PGs to expand their work to the required extent.

2. Most important project content

Changing the current situation can only be achieved through a sustainable combination of various practical measures.

Examples (most important aspects):

- a)
Public relations/information work (raising public awareness of nature and environmental protection issues) (prevention)
- b)
Comprehensive improvement of waste management (starting with collection, then transport, then processing)
- c)
Comprehensive introduction of proven models (e.g. the 3V model: avoid waste, use waste, recycle waste)
- d)
Realization of new or expansion of existing circular economy solutions for waste
- e)
practical measures that serve to combat the waste that already exists in nature in a sustainable manner

See also section 3, (a-e).

3. Guidelines for the selection of PGs

When selecting the appropriate PGs, the focus must be on project groups that have been dealing with the international (plastic) waste problem in a practical and efficient manner for several years, e.g. through

- a)
Screening of (plastic) waste, with subsequent forwarding of the waste thus collected for its treatment/reuse,
- b)
Cleaning of water-bodies and land-areas close to water-bodies from (plastic) waste, also with subsequent forwarding of the waste collected in this way for its processing/reuse,
- c)
any collection of (plastic) waste that subsequently leads to its treatment/reuse, if possible in the form of a 'circular economy solution',
- d)
Realization of concepts that serve to reduce the amount of (plastic) waste produced,
- e)
Public relations work (information work for the population, sensitization to questions of nature and environmental protection with a view to the international waste problem).

4. Regional Allocation

Regionally, the focus will initially be on project groups that are particularly active in Southeast Asia. This is intended to take account of the fact that it is known that around 60-80% of the current global plastic waste situation - especially in the oceans - has its cause in Southeast Asia.

5. Selection of concrete PGs

In a first step (pilot project), e.g. the PGs listed in the attachment in question, which have already been contacted in this regard.

The project groups marked with an (*) have already announced that they would participate in such a project.

6. Project Term

The project duration could initially be fixed for 1 year (pilot project).

At the relevant point in time, it is of course sensible to extend the project duration.

7. Project/concept logistics

We offer that the entire planning/coordination/implementation of this concept/project is handled by our offices.

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Please, note:

PG WNEP is officially recognized as a non-profit organization.
Registration number: 127/675/52652.

Important notes:

1.

Due to the current international CORONA situation, it is currently not possible to visit our offices without making an appointment in advance.

Please make appointments only by e-mail to the address
office@project-wnep.org.

Thank you for your understanding.

2.

If possible, please only use e-mail for all written communication with us. This saves time, money and paper. We and nature are grateful to you for that!

Attachment

List of those project groups that we think are currently suitable for such a concept (initially as part of a 1st step, as a pilot project):

- Trash Hero (*)
- Do It by Heart (*)
- Ocean Recovery Alliance (ORA)
- One Earth One Ocean (OEOO)
- The Ocean CleanUp
- Plastic fischer (*)
- Classic (*)
- Protect Asia (PG WNEP) (*)
- Thai Ocean Plastic Recycling
- Oceans for All Foundation (OFA)
- NGO BambooShoot

Notice:

Contact has already been made with the cited PGs.

Confirmations have already been received from the PGs marked with an (*).

Details on the content of the activities of those PGs who have already confirmed their participation as of today:

1. Trash Hero

- deals among other things with the collection and other recording of Plastic waste, especially in and around water-bodies
- Goal: Processing of the plastic waste collected in this way, in particular for Circular Economy Solutions
- also deals with comprehensive information work for the Public/population on questions of nature and environmental protection
- European project group; Project management is based in Switzerland
- operates worldwide; meanwhile in 19 countries, at approx. 170 locations
- Focus of activity: Southeast Asia
- can look back on many years of successful work with a total of more than 360,000 (!!!) volunteers

- Further information in the document attached as a pdf file
- for more information see here: <https://trashhero.org>

2. Do It by Heart

- deals among other things with the collection and other recording of Plastic waste, especially in and around water-bodies
- Goal: Processing of the plastic waste collected in this way, in particular for Circular Economy Solutions
- also deals with comprehensive information work for the Public/population on questions of nature and environmental protection
- European project group; Project management is based in Switzerland
- Focus of activity: Southeast Asia, Thailand, island regions of the Tarutao national park
- can look back on many years of successful work
- see more information here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Bz7zL5GnmSX>

3. Plastic fischer

- deals among other things with the collection and other recording of Plastic waste, especially in and around water-bodies
- Goal: Processing of the plastic waste collected in this way, in particular for Circular Economy Solutions
- also deals with comprehensive information work for the Public/population on questions of nature and environmental protection
- European project group; Project management is based in Germany
- Focus of activity: Southeast Asia, especially in Indonesia
- For more information see here: <https://plasticfischer.com>

4. Classic

- deals among other things with concepts for the sustainable reduction of plastic waste and to conserve natural resources; Creation of a deposit system for water bottles; Filling the bottles with spring water
- also deals with comprehensive information work for the Public/population on questions of nature and environmental protection
- European project group; Project management is based in Germany
- Focus of activity: Southeast Asia, starting in Thailand

- For more information see here: <https://www.glassic.world>

5. Protect Asia

- deals among other things with complex projects to improve the current natural and environmental situation, especially with a view to the current international plastic waste problem

- For details on the individual projects, see the website

- European project group; Project management is based in Germany and Thailand

- Focus of activity: Southeast Asia

- can look back on many years of successful work

- For more information see here: <https://www.protect-asia.org>

- Note: Protect Asia is PG WNEP's Southeast Asia project; see also here: www.project-wnep.org

Details on the content of the current activities of the other designated PGs can be found on the website of the respective PG if required.