

Committee: UNEP

Country: South Korea

Agenda Item: South Korea,Global Solutions to Reduce Plastic Polluttion in Oceans

South Korea, officially the Republic of Korea (ROK), is a country in [East Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Asia). It constitutes the southern half of the [Korean Peninsula](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korea%22%20%5Co%20%22Korea) and borders [North Korea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Korea) along the [Korean Demilitarized Zone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Demilitarized_Zone%22%20%5Co%20%22Korean%20Demilitarized%20Zone); though it also claims the land border with [China](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China%22%20%5Co%20%22China) and [Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia%22%20%5Co%20%22Russia). The country's western border is formed by the [Yellow Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yellow_Sea%22%20%5Co%20%22Yellow%20Sea), while its eastern border is defined by the [Sea of Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sea_of_Japan%22%20%5Co%20%22Sea%20of%20Japan). South Korea claims to be the sole legitimate government of the entire peninsula and [adjacent islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_islands_of_South_Korea%22%20%5Co%20%22List%20of%20islands%20of%20South%20Korea). It has [a population](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_South_Korea) of 51.96 million, of which half live in the [Seoul Capital Area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seoul_Capital_Area%22%20%5Co%20%22Seoul%20Capital%20Area), the [ninth most populous metropolitan area in the world](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_cities%22%20%5Co%20%22List%20of%20largest%20cities). Other major cities include [Busan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Busan%22%20%5Co%20%22Busan), [Daegu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daegu%22%20%5Co%20%22Daegu), and [Incheon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Incheon%22%20%5Co%20%22Incheon).

South Korea has undertaken several initiatives to clean up ocean waste. South Korea uses floating trap nets to collect microplastic and other waste from the ocean. These nets are made of durable and flexible materials, allowing them to withstand ocean waves while capturing large amounts of waste for transfer to land for proper disposal. Along with other Asian countries like China, Indonesia and the Philippinnes, South Korea has pledged to clean up plastic waste in oceans as part of global environmental commitments. South Korea actively participates in international conferences on combating plastic polluttion.

We can use reusable cloth bags, refillable bottles, and multi-use food containers we can properly sort and recycle plastic waste. We can join local beach, river or park clean up events and raise public awarness about the danger of ocean pollution. We can use smart robots and floting devices can collect floating waste and plastic from the ocean’s surface.

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