



## MORE INFORMATION

CLiP forms part of the funding announced by the British Prime Minister during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Summit in April 2018. The programme is one strand of this Official Development Assistance (ODA) package and will complement additional activities, specifically those related to marine litter and waste management, by other UK government departments. Work streams will be co-ordinated to maximise outputs across the Commonwealth.

CLiP supports the UK's commitment to the UK and Vanuatu led Commonwealth Clean Oceans Alliance, CCOA. It will contribute to the Commonwealth Blue Charter, which calls for Commonwealth countries to drive action and share expertise on issues affecting the world's oceans, including marine litter.

## Commonwealth Litter Programme (CLiP)

Led by the UK through the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) and funded by Defra, this programme will support five countries across the Commonwealth to take action on plastics entering the oceans.

Plastic pollution is one of the most widespread problems facing our oceans today.

If we are to tackle this issue, urgent, coordinated and effective action is needed.

For further information please visit:

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## THE ISSUE

Globally it is estimated:



← UP TO 90% OF MARINE LITTER IS MADE UP OF PLASTICS →

Marine litter is found in all the oceans of the world. It is found not only in densely populated parts of the Commonwealth but also in remote areas, far from obvious sources and human activities.

Preventing plastic pollution from entering the environment will require focused efforts on behaviour change:

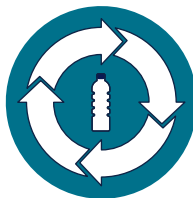
REDUCING OUR  
RELIANCE ON  
SINGLE-USE  
PLASTICS



IMPROVEMENTS  
IN WASTE  
MANAGEMENT



DEVELOPING A  
MORE SUSTAINABLE  
LIFE CYCLE  
FOR PLASTICS



## THE PROGRAMME

CLiP will work with countries in the South Pacific, Caribbean, Asia and Africa to encompass a variety of geographic, economic and environmental differences and enable a wide breadth of issues to be addressed. The programme starts in the South Pacific in November 2018, working with Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, and will then continue in the other regions, ending in 2020.

The programme will address:

LAND BASED  
SOURCES  
OF LITTER



SEA BASED  
SOURCES  
OF LITTER



REMOVAL OF  
LITTER FROM THE  
ENVIRONMENT



SCIENCE AND  
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OUTREACH

Cefas scientists will collaborate with national governments, local authorities, regional sea conventions, NGOs, universities and industry to identify country specific solutions. Our activities aim to enrich work already taking place to tackle marine litter.