



## A Personal Responsibility

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Plastic Pollution is a pressing and pervasive environmental issue that is growing faster than we can solve. When such marine conservation issues are caused by human impact and actions, it stands to reason that conservation solutions can only be effective if changes or modifications to human behaviour and activities happen.

So, the Understanding Plastic Pollution \* lesson plan shared with the students from the Changkat Changi Secondary School focused on creating an awareness of our consumption of plastics and based on the precept to reduce the usage of plastic as we just use too much.

Through a friendly competition the students understood why too much is a problem. They were surprised to learn the real answers compared to what they thought the answers were, for the deterioration rate of certain trash items such as plastic bottles (450 years) and styrofoam (does not biodegrade).

The key message for the session is that as human behaviour causes the plastic pollution problem; that we are all part of the problem and that it really is a personal responsibility to stop plastic pollution.

At the end of the session the students were encouraged to share their thoughts about what they were personally planning to do to help reduce waste of plastic into the environment.

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