Marine Plastic Pollution

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Introduction

Growing by the sea was one of the best experiences ever. Children in the afternoons would go to the beaches and enjoy the cool waters of the sea. The elderly would sit on the balcony of their houses which faced the waters and enjoy the cool breeze of the oceans. The youthful would run in groups swimming into the seas. Fishing boats would be seen and heard from meters away as people went into the sea to look for fish. It was interesting to live in such a place where the cool breeze created a perfect picture of what nature preserve for us. People did not find it hard to get enough fish for the entire family as they were in plenty. The cool breeze also make people relax and enjoy the serene environment. Who would know that a time would come when all that experience would vanish never to be witnessed again. It all started with a few irresponsible people from the county offices. Dishonesty started running in the city, and the people responsible for keeping the beaches clean slept on their jobs. People were reluctant to report to work just because their relatives had a huge say in the management of the city. Before the onset of such practices, each used to have guards. The aim of these guards besides ensuring the safety of the populations revolved around, ensuring that everyone followed the right practices, which kept the places clean and conducive for swimming and habitation. Due to the lack of coordination and control of the city`s waste systems, it is not possible to even walk close to the beaches. There is plastic wastes across the beaches which are currently spreading to the once clean waters. Sewage wastes is also all over the beaches and the bad odor is making people not to walk in the beaches.

Over the past decades, human activities have been reported across the oceanic environments ion the diverse countries. The increased level of human activities, in this case, has led to a rise in the total volume of debris which has been deposited into the oceans. The lack of coordination of the activities carried out by the respective parties across the country and globe has resulted in massive and widespread pollution to the oceans. In the past, oceans were a good source of food for the various populations across the globe (Eriksen et al., 2013). Today, the increasing level of pollution has resulted in massive damages to the environment and oceanic life. Some of the effects which have been witnessed over the years revolve around the idea of increased death of aquatic life. Plastic has been seen as one of the significant problems which have led to such situations across the globe. Numerous countries have reported the increased deposition of debris within the several beaches. The primary source of the witnessed debris is the human activities which have led to an increasedlevel of pollution of the oceans. Like the narrative above mentions, increased damage to the oceans usingdeposits of plastics, among other products has led to a general level of pollution to the surrounding environment. Aquatic life has been threatened as has been reported in various parts of the globe. Some of the regions where such challenges and issues have been reported include the areas which border the Pacific Ocean. Also, the areas which border the other oceans such as the Indian and Atlantic have been affected by such problems.

Óne of the things which have been witnessed over the years revolves around the idea that when human activities pollute the oceans, such actions are reciprocated in the long run. For instance, continuous throwing and littering of the oceans in the results into the reduction of the quality of life of the surrounding populations. Ocean life is usually affected by such activities resulting in reduced abilities of the surrounding communities to enjoy the desired levels of leisure among other benefits. It is important to note that the ocean provides a platform for not only pleasure and relaxation and adventure but also a platform for getting food and source of income.Many people depend on the oceans for survival. Littering of the oceans threatens not only the social and economic aspects of the populations in the surrounding regions. While there have been measures which have been put in place to overcome such problems, it is essential to note that such regulations have not been followed in most parts of the globe.

One of the effects which have been associated with the increasing level of plastic deposition into the sea includes deaths to millions of sea birds and aquatic life each year (Wilcox, Van Sebille & Hardesty, 2015). Also, plastic leads to the degradation of the various platforms across the oceans such as beaches. Clean beaches are a huge attraction for people within the domestic and international fronts. While regulations can be used to control and coordinate the activities carried out by the respective populations, it is essential to note that without the engagement of the surrounding and immediate communities, in the long run, can affect the way such requirements work and achieve the desired outcomes. There is a need for the general population to be involved in the various practices which promote the protection and preservation of the marine life and regions to prevent the witnessed deaths and degradation of the surrounding environments (Carney Almroth & Eggert, 2019).

Today, watching the beaches from a distance has been the routine. Nobody can walk across the beaches. Nowadays, children cannot enjoy the cool waters of the sea in the afternoon as plastics are all over. Also, the elderly cannot sit in the balcony of their houses to enjoy the cool breeze of the ocean as there is unpleasant smell coming from the sewer lines flowing to the ocean. The young people cannot run freely into the sea as sewage and plastics are scattered everywhere. To make the matters worse, a significant number of fish have been seen dead floating on the waters probably due to the toxic items released on the ocean through the sewer line.

At first, people thought that it was an unknown phenomenon. Little did they know that the activities which they undertook involving littering the oceans are coming back to them. Fishing activities have declined at that side of the city. No tourists have been reported over the years. Research teams have been witnessed which have come from different parts of the globe to try to determine the causes of the changes in the area. The answer to their research questions is simple; the society littered the oceans with plastic.

Conclusion

The relevant authorities need to implement the right meanders which would be sued in the protection of the oceans. Marine life is equally important as life on land. Measures which have been put in place to control littering the oceans should be tightened to ensure that the surrounding communities observe morals and ethics when interacting with the ecosystems. Failing to adopt and engage the community in such activities will result in increased pollution of the oceans.

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