

“Save our Beaches – please.”

Muhiddin School



Ten minutes east of main land Male', lies a little island considered to be a fifth ward of Male' – Villimale'.

The coastal areas and its beaches surrounding Villimale' provides recreation and enjoyment not only to its inhabitants but to other visitors who frequent this place regularly. Unfortunately, the flora, fauna and eco system of these beaches and adjoining reefs are being affected by the thoughtless and selfish acts of inhabitants and visitors alike.

The environment club of Muhyiddin School would like to address this matter while acknowledging and appreciating the untiring effort of some NGOs who work at creating awareness about this serious issue of beach pollution in Villimale'.

The project will highlight the status quo in the hopes of bringing this issue to the forefront. In addition, suggestions on responsible behavior and practices will be put forward.

It is hoped that we would be able to reach out to the masses and a lasting impression with desirable changes could be brought about through this presentation.



Major activities responsible for coastal and marine pollution.

- Infrastructural development
- Leisure and recreation activities
- Inappropriate garbage disposal
- Drift

Major pollutants

- Domestic waste
- PET bottles
- Plastic containers and wrappings
- Building materials and rubble
- Metallic items
- Industrial effluents

Impact of pollution on coastal ecology

- Generally marine pollution affects ecosystem health, public health, recreational water quality and economic viability.
- Eutrophication of coral reefs
- Mutagenic and carcinogenic effects occur in marine organisms.
- Occur in marine organisms
- Toxicity can reach us.

