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- Save the sea turtles from plastic pollution.
  
- In Bangladesh we passed a law long before any other country to ban use of plastic bags for shopping as a result people are conscious and try to limit use of one time use plastic. But it is not working as more people can afford plastic boxes and bottles. We must apply polluter pays principle or use any fresh ideas that work very fast.
  
- South Asian Affluent society are increasing plastic use more and more. Death of hundreds of sea turtles in South East of Bangladesh is being passed of as 'suicise' or even global warming without any proper post mortem. Zontian Hasna Jasimuddin Moudud runs a sea turtle conservation hatchery in Bay of Bengal and says a little nurturing and safeguarding is saving hundreds of baby turtles and mother turtles. But plastic pollution and hundreds of fishing nets are choking sea life.
  
- NOTING WITH CONCERN the increasing number of the presence of plastic waste, notably in the form of microplastics, in the remotest and deepest parts of the sea and ocean, as well as in the entire food chain and highlighting the lack of complete information and awareness in the medium and long term on the potential dangers of plastic pollution, both physical and chemical, to marine fauna and flora and to human health, in order to prevent and reduce plastic pollution and the problem of plastic waste in nature, Zonta International Club of Dhaka 1, District 25 presents a project highlighting protection of rare sea turtles in St. Martin's Island in Bay of Bengal.
- The following activities will be offered:
  - A children's painting competition by virtual and online means with a small number of children attending physically who have no access to on line presentation (Bombay Zonta Club did this last year very successfully)
  - Poster and leaflets to be distributed aiming at carrying out public-awareness measures and participation on importance of protecting health of ocean and sea including marine flora and fauna;
  - Focusing on sea Green turtles and Olive Ridley turtles who are native to Bangladesh's popular tourist spot the St. Martin's Island in Bay of Bengal. A video will be presented on Zonta member Hasna Jasimuddin Moudud's sea turtle conservation hatchery which will host field trips in safer sea times to raise awareness on critical survival of marine flora and fauna and how plastic

pollution is posing a threat to marine life and food chain.

- Create educational computer programs by and for children in future on conservation which is in demand and replicable in schools.
- Budget under \$2500. (The video will be the major cost.)
  
- Time: project to start in 3 to 4 weeks. Art competition to be supervised by master artist Jamal Ahmed. Free use of Art Gallery for exhibition and prize distribution and video show at Art Gallery, 10 Kabi, Jasimuddin Road, Kamlapur, Dhaka. Open to all Zontians.

- \*A note on Hasna's turtle hatchery:
- Since 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 total hatched baby turtles who have been sent to sea are the following: total 541 turtle eggs have hatched which includes 150 Olive Ridley, 41 Hazbil, 110 Olive Ridley, Green Sea turtle 30, Olivier Ridley 180, Green sea 60, and Hajbil 10.



- Olive Ridley, status vulnerable



- Sea Green Turtle, status endangered

