

Brief resource explanation

The following resources appear throughout the document and link to country specific resources. Below is a brief explanation of the content of each website.

- [ECOLEX](#): Environmental law information on treaties, international soft-law and other non-binding policy and technical guidance documents, national legislation, judicial decisions, and law and policy literature operated by UN agencies. Able to filter by keyword.
- [FAOLEX](#): A database of legislation on food, agriculture and natural resource management operated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
- [NATLEX](#): A database of national labour, social security and human rights related legislation operated by the International Labour Organization.
- [Green Growth Knowledge Platform](#): is a knowledge base created to aid in transitioning to an inclusive green economy. Each country profile lists national publications, regional publications, policies and case studies on green economy. Operated by Global Green Growth Institute, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the World Bank.
- [GlobalLex](#): this section of the database provides research guides on foreign law. These guides provide an overview of the country's legal system, and includes how to research legislation and case law from the country. Published by Hauser Global Law School Program at NYU School of Law.
- [LOC nation guides](#): Library of Congress legal research guides by nation.
- [LOC legal research guides](#): Library of Congress legal research guide (more detailed than nation guides, and only available for a few countries).

Country specific sources

COUNTRY	LEGISLATION	POLICY	CASE LAW	SECONDARY SOURCES
Antigua and Barbuda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>FAOLEX</u>- <u>Antigua and Barbuda laws</u>- <u>NATLEX</u>- <u>CommonLII</u>- <u>Ecolex</u>- <u>Litter Control and Prevention Act 2019</u>- <u>Environmental Protection and Management Act 2019</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Department of the Environment - laws, policies and procedures</u>- <u>Green Growth</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>WorldLII</u>- <u>JustisOne</u>- <u>Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>LOC nation legal guide</u>- article: <u>Antigua and Barbuda launch declaration to encourage action on plastic pollution</u>- <u>Caribbean legislative ban on importation and use of styrofoam and single use plastics</u>

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	- The external trade (shopping plastic bags prohibition) order 2017			
Australia	- Australian Federal Registrar of Legislation - LawLex - Ecolex - Environment Protection (Beverage containers and plastic bags) Act - Environment Protection Regulations - Plastic Shopping Bags Ban Act 2013	- Australian government - environment (links to departments on various environmental issues) - Green Growth	- AustLII - Westlaw - QuickLaw	- AGIS plus text - LOC legal research guide - Globalex research guide - report: assessment of the voluntary phase out of microbeads
Burkina Faso	- Government website - text of laws (French) - LEXPRAFASO (French) - FAOLEX - Ecolex	- Green Growth	- LEXPRAFASO (French) - Juricaf (French)	- LOC Nation legal guide - Globalex research guide - Switch Africa Green Burkina Faso projects - news: Weaving a brighter future for plastic in Burkina Faso
Canada	- JusticeLaws , - HeinOnline , - LegisInfo - NATLEX - FAOLEX - Ecolex	- Environmental conservation and protection - Green Growth	- CanLII , - Westlaw , - Quicklaw	- HeinOnline , - Index to Legal Periodicals - Environmental defence: ending plastic pollution
China	- LawInfoChina - Supreme Peoples' Court - Ministry of Ecology and the Environment (laws) - NATLEX - FAOLEX - Ecolex	- Green Growth - Ministry of Ecology and the Environment	- AsianLII - China Judgements Online (Chinese) - LawInfoChina - Supreme Peoples' Court	- LOC legal research guide - translation of legislation into English guide - LOC nation legal guide - New Waste Sorting rules in Shanghai (LOC global legal monitor) - Globalex research guide - article: Chinese import ban and its impact on global plastic trade waste - article: single use plastic: China to ban bag and other items

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Costa Rica	- Nexus Podor Judicial (Spanish) - FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex	- Green Growth	- Nexus Podor Judicial (Spanish) - Tribunal Supremo de elecciones (Spanish)	- LOC nation legal guide - Globalex research guide - news: Costa Rica has banned styrofoam, a major win for the environment - news: Costa Rica passes watered down anti-plastics law
Denmark	- retsinformation (Danish) - FAOLEX - NATLEX - EcoLex	- Green Growth - Ministry of Environment and Food in Denmark	- Supreme Court cases	- LOC nation legal guide - Globalex research guide - LCA of single use plastics in Denmark - Preliminary assessment of plastic materials flow in Denmark - Ministry of Environment publications in English - Danish Environmental Protection Agency - news: Danish government publishes a new plan to tackle plastic pollution
EU	- Eur-Lex - European Parliament - Council of the EU - JustisOne - Ecolex	- Green Growth	- Eur-Lex - Court of Justice of the EU - EURlex case law search	- UVic libguide - LOC nation legal guide - EU European strategy for plastics
Fiji	- laws of Fiji - Fiji legislation and law reports - FAOLEX - ECOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex	- Green Growth - Department of Environment	- Fiji primary materials	- LOC nation legal guide - news: Plastic ban becomes effective in Fiji to reduce waste in ocean
Finland	- FINLEX - FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex	- Ministry of the Environment - Green Growth	- FINLEX	- LOC nation legal guide - Globalex research guide
France	- Legifrance - NATLEX - FAOLEX	- Green Growth - reduce single use plastics (French)	- Quicklaw - Westlaw - Legifrance	- A guide for policy-makers in France - LOC legal research guide - Translation of legislation into Eng

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	- Ecolex - decree banning single use plastics (French)		- Juricaf (French)	- Globalex research guide - news: France to phase out single use plastics starting January 1
Guyana	- Laws of Guyana - FAOLEX - NATLEX - WorldLII - Ecolex	- Green Growth - Department of Environment	- JustisOne	- LOC nation legal guide - press release: 2021 set for ban on single use plastics - Caribbean legislative ban on importation and use of styrofoam and single use plastics
Haiti	- Haitian law and legal materials - historic and constitutional documents - FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex	- Green Growth - Ministry of the Environment (French)	- Juricaf Haiti (French)	- LOC nation legal guide - Globalex research guide - UN article: Cleansing our oceans of plastic Haiti
Israel	- NATLEX - FAOLEX - Basic Laws - Selected Laws - Ecolex - Israel Ministry of Environmental Protection legislation	- Green Growth - Israel Ministry of Environmental Protection	- Judicial authority - JustisOne	- LOC legal research guide - translation of legislation into english - Globalex research guide - Basic Laws-info - Ministry of Environmental Protection Marine and Coastal environment publications - news: Fed up with the waste, Israel is going plastic free
Italy	- NATLEX - FAOLEX - WorldLII - Ecolex	- Green Growth	- Decisions of the constitutional court (Italian)	- A guide for policy-makers in Italy - translation of legislation into english - Globalex research guide - LOC nation legal guide - Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research
Japan	- AsianLII - NATLEX - FAOLEX - Ecolex	- Green Growth - Ministry of the Environment - Japan's resource circulation policy for plastics	- Supreme Court of Japan decisions - AsianLII - JustisOne	- LOC legal research guide - Globalex research guide - translation of legislation into English - Japanese Law translation - Plastic Waste Management Institute

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - news: Plastic waste becoming main issue in Japan
Liechtenstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selected laws translated into English - Laws and Treaties (German) - ECOLEX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Growth - Ministry of Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Court of Liechtenstein decisions (German) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LOC nation legal guide
Malta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laws of Malta - CommonLII - FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malta Resources Authority - Ministry of Environment - Green Growth Environment Resources and Authority - plastic waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malta Justice Services - cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LOC nation legal guide - news: Malta begins assault on single-use plastic pollution after launching strategy to finally tackle the urgent issue
Marshall Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PACLII - NATLEX - FAOLEX - Marshall Islands Legislation - Ecolex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Growth - Marshall Islands Environmental Data Portal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PACLII 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LOC nation legal guide - Marshall Islands Climate Change website - report: Republic of the Marshall Islands Profile in the solid waste and recycling sector
Mauritius	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laws of Mauritius - NATLEX - Ecolex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Growth - Ministry of the Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supreme Court - search judgments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LOC nation legal guide - Ministry of environment - banning of plastic bags - Switch Africa Green Mauritius projects - Environment Minister presentation slides: plastic management in small islands developing states Mauritius
Monaco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legimonaco (French) - FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Growth - Department of the Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Juricaf: Monaco (French) - Legimonaco (French) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LOC nation legal guide - Press release: combating plastics in Monaco

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Netherlands	- FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex	- Government of the Netherlands - Environment - Green Growth	- Supreme Court (Dutch)	- press release: Ban on Free plastics bags - Press release: Van Veldohoven closes deal to reduce plastic consumption - Judicial Review in Dutch Environmental Law - GlobaLex research guide - LOC nation legal guide
Norway	- LovData - translated acts - LovData - translated regulations - FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex	- Green Growth - Norwegian Environment Agency	- Courts of Norway (Norwegian)	- GlobalLex research guide - LOC nation legal guide - Joint Issue Statement: India and Norway mitigating marine plastic litter and microplastics - news: India and Norway strengthen partnership on blue economy - news: Norwegian development program to combat marine litter and microplastics - Norwegian environment agency: 3 publications on microplastics
Pakistan	- WorldLII - Pakistan Code - Annual Law Collections - Multilateral Environmental Agreements - Punjab laws online - NATLEX - FAOLEX - Ecolex - plastic bans by different regional jurisdictions	- Green Growth - Ban on (Manufacturing, import, sale, purchase, storage and usage) polythene bags regulations 2019 - Ministry of Climate Change	- WorldLII - Supreme Court judgments - Lahore High Courts - Sindh High Court - Peshawar High Court - Balochistan High Court - Islamabad High Court	- LOC nation legal guide - GlobaLex research guide - news: beating plastic pollution every little step matters
Republic of Korea	- Westlaw - AsianLII - Statutes of Republic of Korea - NATLEX - FAOLEX - Ecolex	- Green Growth - Ministry of Environment	- Westlaw - Supreme Court Decisions	- GlobaLex research guide english - LOC nation legal guide - Press release: confectioneries freed from disposable plastic bags - news: South Korea's war on plastics gains momentum - news: In South Korea, a lesson to be learned from a plastic waste crisis

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	- NATLEX - FAOLEX - House of the Assembly Acts - Ecolex - Environmental Health (Expanded Polystyrene Ban) regulations (SRO No 21 of 2017)	- Green Growth - Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment	- Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court - JustisOne	- LOC nation legal guide - GlobaLex Caribbean Libguide - news article: SVG to put an end to single use plastic shopping bags - Caribbean legislative ban on importation and use of styrofoam and single use plastics
San Marino	- FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex	- Green Growth		- LOC nation legal guide
Saudi Arabia	- FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex - Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture - laws and regulations	- Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture - Green Growth		- LOC nation legal guide - Globalex research guide - news: Saudi Arabia: Integrated waste management and recycling plan for Riyadh
Seychelles	- SeyLII - Ecolex - Environmental Protection Regulations 2017	- Ministry of Environment, Energy, and Climate Change - Green Growth	- SeyLII	- Seychelles: Ban on Plastics Takes Effect (LOC Global Legal Monitor) - LOC nation legal guide - Globalex research guide - news: Seychelles joins international pact to better manage and reduce plastic waste
Sri Lanka	- Laws of Sri Lanka - FAOLEX - NATLEX - AsianLII - Ecolex	- Central Environmental Authority - Ministry of Environment and Wildlife Resources - Marine Environment Protection Authority - Green Growth - Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka	- AsianLII	- LOC legal nation guide - Globalex research guide - news: trash talk dealing with marine plastic pollution in Sri Lanka's oceans - news: Innovative and collaborative the future of plastic waste management in Sri Lanka

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Sweden	- NATLEX - FAOLEX - Sveriges Riksdag Documents and Laws - Ecolex	- Government policy-environment and climate - Green Growth	- Lagrummet (Swedish)	- LOC legal research guide - Globalex research guide - Sweden: Parliament Votes to Adopt Tax on Plastic Bags (LOC Global Legal Monitor) - Certification rules for treatment of polymetric waste
Tuvalu	- PacLII - FAOLEX - NATLEX - Ecolex - Waste Management (Prohibition on the Importation of Single-Use Plastic) Regulation 2019 and Waste Management (Levy Deposit) Regulation 2019.	- Department of Environment, Tuvalu - Tuvalu Environmental Data Portal - Green Growth - Tuvulu Integrated Waste Policy and Action Plan 2017-2026	- PacLII	- LOC legal nation guide - Tuvalu: Ban on Single-Use Plastics Commences (LOC Global Legal Monitor) - Pacific Legal Gateway
UN	- Treaty collection	- Yearbook of the UN - UN environment yearbooks - UN Environment Assembly		- UN Environment programme - UN library website - UVic libguide UN - Clean Seas: turn the tide on plastic - UN documentation: environment - One Planet Network Wide Plastics Initiative
United Arab Emirates	- Federal legislation portal - Parliament (Arabic) - NATLEX - FAOLEX - Ecolex - Many environmental regulations developed by municipalities	- Ministry of Climate Change and Environment - Emirates Authority for Standards & Metrology - Federal Environmental Agency- Abu Dhabi - Green Growth		- LOC legal nation guide - Guide to the UAE legal system (GlobalLex) - Index Islamicus - for journal article searches - UAE.S 5009 /2009: Standard & Specification for Oxo-biodegradation of Plasticbags and other disposable Plastic objects \ additional requirements - news: Here are 5 initiatives currently happening in the UAE to stop plastic pollution
Vanuatu	- PacLII - FAOLEX - NATLEX	- Department of Environment and Conservation	- PacLII	- LOC legal nation guide

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	- Ecolex	- Green Growth		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Several Pacific Countries Announce Bans on Single-Use Plastic Bags (LOC Global Legal Monitor) - news: Vanuatu to ban disposable diapers and other single use plastics - news: walking the talk in Vanuatu the first country in the world to ban plastic straws
Zimbabwe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ZimLII (selection only) - FAOLEX - NATLEX - Parliament - Ecolex - Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles Regulation 2010 (S.I. No. 98 of 2010) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Management Agency - Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate - Green Growth 	- ZimLII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LOC legal nation guide - article: Govt to phase out plastic - news: Zimbabwe bans plastic foam containers to protect the environment