## Clean Blue Maldives Charter

The Clean Blue Maldives is an initiative founded by Soneva and Common Seas in cooperation with Government of Maldives, Maalhos Island Council, Dharavandhoo Island Council and Kihaadhoo Island Council.

The Clean Blue Maldives agrees to accelerate source-to-sea solutions that eliminate plastic leaking into the ocean through investing and implementing the following policies and systems:

## 1.0 National government recognises the importance of the following proposals:

- o Ban single-use water bottles:
  - No plastic bottles in government buildings by April 2019
  - o No plastic bottles in resorts by 2020
  - o Ban on plastic straws
- o Work towards deposit return scheme for beverage drinks
- o Fully observed waste boats (cameras) to stop dumping at sea by mid 2019
- o Nationally ban single-use plastic bags, including oxo degradable
- o Initiate the provision of sewerage systems and fresh water to all islands during the term of government
- o Create eco centro waste-to-wealth centres on all local islands in Baa Atoll, starting with co-funded pilots with Soneva on Maalhos, Dharavandhoo and Kihaadhoo
- o Include reusable nappies in government box provided to all new parents

For President's Office, noted by

2.0 Maalhos, Dharavandhoo, Kihaadhoo Islands commit to:

Phase-out all single use plastic water bottles by December 2019 through:

- o Provision of purified cheaper and healthier water in glass bottles
- Deposit return system for remaining plastic bottles

Reduce impact of single-use nappies through:

- Prototype systems in Maalhos to reduce the volume single use diapers in the environment:
  - o Re-useable diaper washing service
  - o Innovation in diaper waste management to reduce the mass of diapers in the waste management system

Build eco-centros to implement full cycle waste-to-wealth management and end open burning of plastics:

- o Implement separated household collection of organics, recyclables, other.
- Soneva / Clean Blue Alliance / Government collaboration to provide Maalhos,
  Dharavandhoo, Kihaadhoo with:
  - o Equipment: organic wood chipper, glass crusher and compactor
  - o Roof cover for eco centros, solar PV to be added when possible
  - o Storage space for sorted waste and composting
  - Local qualified engineers
  - Support island councils to ensure they secure minimal environmental impact and the highest value when selling PET, HDPE, card, aluminium and organic waste
- o Island councils to implement clean aggregated bales of PET, HDPE, card, aluminium and organic waste. Volumes collected to be recorded
- o All open burning to be finally ended by: Maahlos, 30 June 2019; Dharavandhoo and Kihaadhoo by 30 November 2019.
- End all dumping of all food waste at sea by 31 December 2019, and all organic waste to be composted
- Beach cleans to remove all litter, including community participation, three times per week per island

Signatories

For Maalhos Island Council

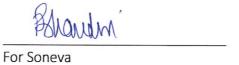
For Dharavandhoo Island Council

For Kihaadhoo Island Council

## 3.0 Soneva commitment:

- o Co-fund eco-centros in Maalhos Island, Dharavandhoo Island, Kihaadhoo Island with government
- o Scale provision of bottled water to Dharavandhoo Island, Kihaadhoo Island
- o Establish re-useable diaper washing service in Maalhos Island
- o Engage 10 high profile resorts in the Maldives to phase-out single-use plastic water bottles by demonstrating the financial and environmental profits

 Support Parley for the Oceans to collect from all Baa Atoll islands – inhabited, uninhabited, resorts – by end of February 2019



## 4.0 Soneva and Common Seas commitment:

- Design the optimal waste management system and equipment for small islands (ecocentros).
- o Deliver national and global communications celebrating Clean Blue Maldives
- $\hspace{0.1in} \circ \hspace{0.1in} \textbf{Identify and implement enterprises to re-use aggregated waste plastic materials} \\$
- o Explore innovation in diaper waste management to reduce volume of waste
- o Secure financial support for additional eco-centros from World Bank.

For Soneva

For Common Seas