

EXERCISE  
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# BBPB Timeline of Significant Events

**OCTOBER 2013** Officially launched BBPB by announcing at GIN conference

Started petition through [Avaaz](#). By signing the petition, citizens supported a ban on plastic bags. 77,000+ signatures were collected online and an additional 10,000 signatures were collected through in-person campaigning at the Bali airport.

**APRIL 2014** Started pilot village in Desa Pererenan, Bali

The pilot village involved (1) meetings with local government to get approval and support in making village a pilot, (2) delivering education presentations in schools, (3) creation of an educational booklet about the harms of plastic and what we can do to be apart of the solution, and (4) distributing alternative bags to shops to be distributed to customers each weekend.

**NOVEMBER 2014** Signed an [MOU](#) with the Governor of Bali, Mangku Pastika, agreeing to make the people of Bali say NO to plastic bags.**2015** Published [Education Booklet - Version 1](#).**MAY 2015** Launch of the "ONE ISLAND ONE VOICE" campaign

Campaign to highlight those shops, restaurants, hotels, etc., that are plastic bag-free by putting a sticker to indicate that it is part of the "One Island One Voice – Plastic Bag Free Zone." We use the name and shame technique, and everyone that carries the sticker will get a shout- out on all of our social media platforms.

**2 JULY 2015** Circular Letter signed by Mangku Pastika-  
[Surat Edaran No.660/1984/Sekret/BLH](#)

The Bali Province announced their commitment to make Bali plastic-free by 2018.

**FEBRUARY 2016** 3-month TRIAL charge for plastic bags across 27 cities in Indonesia  
["Guidelines" about charge on plastic bags](#)

[Infographic on the results of plastic bag charge \(ENG\)](#)

["Banjarmasin Regulation that banned plastic bags"](#)

**AUGUST 2016**    **Official declaration the Bali Airport goes plastic bag-free**

**FEBRUARY 2017**    **Bali's Biggest Beach Clean Up by "One Island One Voice"**

"One Island One Voice" became a collective of NGOs, local businesses, and individuals standing up together to raise awareness about Bali's waste issue and highlighting the need to take bold action towards solving the problem. An estimated 12,000 people collected 40 tons of garbage across 55 locations around the island.

**MAY 2017**    In preparation for attending the UN World Ocean Conference in New York, Melati and Isabel requested a meeting with all Bupatis and Badan Lingkungan Hidup (BLH) in Bali to hear updates about what actions the local government had taken towards the goal of making Bali plastic bag-free by 2018 - as was committed to in the 2015 Surat Edaran signed by Mangku Pastika.

During this time, BBPB started working with Sarah Waddell, an environmental lawyer from Australia, who has been working in Indonesia for more than 15 years.

**15 MAY 2017**    **Government + Stakeholder Meeting #1**

Hosted by BBPB, attendees included representatives from the Bupati offices, BLH offices, and a few stakeholders from local NGOs or local business. The purpose of meeting was to hear an update from local government and discuss how we can further contribute to the action they had been taking towards making Bali plastic bag-free. As a result of this meeting, a Surat Dukungan was drafted and signed by all Bupatis and BLHs in Bali agreeing that, "plastic costs more to the economy and society than it provides." A follow-up meeting was scheduled for August 2017 to further discuss how to place a charge on plastic bags.

[Surat Dukungan w/ signatures \(INDO\)](#) [Letter of Intention \(ENG\)](#)

**9 AUGUST 2017**    **Government+ Stakeholder Meeting #2**

A follow-up meeting was hosted by BBPB inviting the same crowd from the May meeting (Bali Bupati, BLH, and stakeholders). Mostly BLH or representatives from each region attended. BBPB presented a suggested action plan for placing a charge on plastic bags, which would start 1st January 2018. This was presented alongside the legal findings showing that Bali regional government does have the autonomy to implement a charge on plastic bags. The documents below were presented by BBPB.

[BBPB Rencana Tindakan Yang Diusulkan - 9 Agustus 2017 \(INDO\)](#) [BBPB](#)

[Proposed Action Plan - 9 Aug 2017 \(ENG\)](#)

[Aspek Hukum Biaya Pada Kantong Plastik \(INDO\)](#)

[Legal Aspects to the Proposed Charge on Plastic Bags \(ENG\)](#)

**RESULT:** Head of BLH and all that attended were supportive of this bold action, but how to be successful in this was still in question (as expected). Pak Surajana, head of BLH, suggested that by the next meeting in September, each head of region return to present their action plan for placing a charge on plastic bags, emphasising the socialisation that would be needed to make this happen. Bupatis shall also submit a list of shops that will trial a charge on plastic bags in their region during the socialisation period between October - December.

[Thank You + Invite to 13 Sept Meeting \(INDO\)](#)

#### AFTER 9 AUGUST

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Discussions were had with Rahyang from Diet Kantong Plastik, and Tiza, a lawyer, to learn more about current regulations and status of National Plan as it relates to charge on plastic. Both have confirmed that Bali has autonomy to place charge on plastic bags. Both are involved in pushing regulation for a charge/ban on plastic in various cities throughout Java and Banjarmasin.

During the meeting on the 9th of August, Pak Suarjana suggested that BBPB meet with him personally before 13th September to discuss how best to prep for this meeting. BBPB scheduled personal meeting with Pak Suarjana on 30th August.

Prior to meeting, BBPB was informed that the 30th August meeting had been canceled. When BBPB requested to reschedule the meeting with Pak Suarjana, a meeting on 4th September was scheduled with a number of other local government officials from various offices.

[A letter of invite](#) was sent from Pak Suarjana. The meeting was called to discuss.. how to control the use of plastic bags to support the clean and green Bali programme .... and on the regulation of the application of paid plastic in the districts.

#### 4 SEPTEMBER

##### 4 September Meeting

[Invitee+Attendee list 4 sept govt mtg](#)

[Meeting notes from translator \(does not include notes from entire mtg\)](#)

Sarah Waddell, lawyer, used a revised version of the document drafted in August to present Bali's autonomy. [REVISED Legal Aspects of Charge on Plastic Bags for 4 Sept \(ENG\)](#)

**Result of meeting**—The government officials in attendance said that Bali does not have the authority to put a charge on plastic bags. The local government is waiting for the national government to pass regulation. The attendees in the room announced they feel they have done everything they can but must wait for regulation from the national government.

**5 SEPTEMBER** *How Can Indonesia Win Against Plastic Pollution?* Article published by Sarah Waddell [http://theconversation.com/how-can-indonesia-win-against-plastic-pollution-80966?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=facebookbutton](http://theconversation.com/how-can-indonesia-win-against-plastic-pollution-80966?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=facebookbutton)

Attended the APEC High Level Meeting on Accelerating Waste Management Solutions to Reduce Marine Litter.

**6 SEPTEMBER** Attended and spoke during Day 1 of East Asia Summit on Combating Marine Plastic Debris.

**8 SEPTEMBER** Attended and spoke at the UN ESCAP event in Bangkok on marine debris.

During all 3 of these events, further discussions were had with various members of the Ministry of Environment of Indonesia, confirming that Bali **does have the autonomy to** impose a charge on plastic bags and asked Melati and Isabel to reach out to them personally for further support on the issue.

**22 SEPTEMBER** Meeting scheduled by Badung Bupati with BBPB (cancelled by Bupati).

Kick Andy TV Show special about BBPB aired on national television.

**SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER** Several requests for meetings with Bupatis of Klungkung and Badung but no meetings were scheduled due to conflicting schedules of Bupatis and BBPB.

**6 OCTOBER** Attended and spoke at Our Oceans Conference + SOE Youth Summit, Malta. Attended and spoke at IdeaFest, Jakarta - (Isabel presentation).

**27 OCTOBER** Attended and spoke at Indonesian Youth Summit on Marine Debris.

**1 NOVEMBER** Attended and spoke at Asia Sustainability Summit by *The Economist*.

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