

press release

Resorts World Sentosa Goes Strawless for Ocean Conservation

- Themed attractions and dining establishments no longer serve plastic straws as part of resort-wide efforts to reduce single-use plastics
- Move will save more than three million plastic straws a year



Going strawless for ocean conservation: (LEFT) Resorts World Sentosa has embarked on a “No Straws - Save Marine Life” campaign where its five themed attractions and dining establishments such as Malaysian Food Street has stopped providing plastic straws to guests. (RIGHT) S.E.A. Aquarium’s conservation group, Guardians of the S.E.A.A., partnered Zero Waste SG for a BYO (Bring Your Own) Schools Programme that engaged students on plastic disposables and marine litter through assembly talks and interactive booths.

SINGAPORE, 29 October 2018 – Taking a greater stride towards ocean conservation, Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) is taking steps to reduce single-use plastics, starting with a “No Straws - Save Marine Life” campaign spearheaded by S.E.A. Aquarium’s conservation group, Guardians of the S.E.A.A..

As of 1 October this year, the integrated resort has stopped providing plastic straws across its five themed attractions, including Universal Studios Singapore and S.E.A. Aquarium, as well as dining establishments such as celebrity chef restaurants and Malaysian Food Street. The move to go strawless across RWS will eliminate more than three million straws a year (approximately 1.2 tonnes), helping to save our oceans and reduce marine plastic pollution.

Paper straws, which are more biodegradable and environmentally friendly than plastic straws, are available upon request, and for guests with disabilities or special needs who require straws as an accessible way to consume drinks.

The straw-free initiative is coupled with educational outreach efforts by Guardians of the S.E.A.A., whose conservation priorities include tackling the problem of plastic pollution. Recognising that

sustainability starts with employees, the marine conservation group has embarked on a series of engagement sessions to reach out to 13,000 team members across the resort to raise awareness on the issue of plastic pollution and garner their support in this resort-wide green operation.

Guardians of the S.E.A.A. also partners organisations such as James Cook University Singapore and Zero Waste SG on campaigns and talks to engage the public. Its collaboration with Zero Waste SG to support a year-long nationwide BYO (Bring Your Own) Schools Programme involved 20 schools and saved more than 32,600 plastic disposables from ending up as waste. The programme engaged students on plastic disposables and marine litter through assembly talks and interactive booths, and encouraged them to bring their own reusables and reduce the use of plastic disposables via a reward system.

RWS supports the national effort towards becoming a Zero Waste Nation, and is looking into ways to reduce other forms of single-use plastics such as bottled water. The resort continuously explores new and innovative eco-friendly practices across its day-to-day business operations for sustainable growth.

Earlier in July this year, RWS clinched the Top Achievement Award at the Singapore Packaging Agreement (SPA) Awards for its efforts in waste minimisation and recycling. Its Festive Hotel also recently bagged home the Merit award in the 2018 3R Awards for Hotels, organised by the National Environment Agency (NEA) and the Singapore Hotel Association (SHA).

Members of the public who wish to make a positive impact for the ocean can email conservation@rwsentosa.com to join Guardians of the S.E.A.A.. Members will get to enjoy behind-the-scenes experiences with aquarists to learn more about marine life, exclusive invitations to after-hour events at the aquarium and more – all around the theme of marine conservation.

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ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, the Maritime Experiential Museum, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Complementing the adventure and adrenaline of its theme parks and attractions are six unique luxury hotels, the world-class Resorts World Convention Centre, a casino and the Asian flagship of a world-renowned destination spa. RWS offers award-winning dining experiences and exciting cuisine from around the world across its many renowned celebrity chef restaurants, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene and a leading gourmet destination in Asia for epicureans. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from original resident productions to concerts and public shows such as Crane Dance and Lake of Dreams. RWS has been named "Best Integrated Resort" since 2011 for eight consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

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