

**Note on Guidelines for One-Time Financial Support for Establishing Recycling Plants
& Machinery for Abandoned, Lost & Discarded Fishing Gears (ALDFG) and High
littering Plastic Wastes in Coastal Areas**

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- These guidelines have been developed to provide one-time financial support to project proponents towards capital costs of setting up recycling plant & machinery for Abandoned, Lost & Discarded Fishing Gears (ALDFGs) and other plastic waste with high littering potential in coastal areas. The focus is on establishing fishing gears/ net and marine plastic waste recycling facilities in the twelve Blue Flag certified beaches in the country.
- New plastic waste and fishing gear/net recycling units that possess a valid Consent to Establish and located beyond Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and permissible under local bylaws & extend regulations, shall be eligible for assistance. Preference shall be given to new plastic recycling units proposed to be located optimally closer to beach, harbour, fishing hotspots, high tourist footfall area and any other strategically important area where no restriction is imposed by any of the Government institution/body for setting up the unit. Also, priority shall be given to registered fishermen's societies interested in setting up fishing gear/ net recycling units.
- The one-time financial assistance will be provided from CPCB Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) funds including Environmental Compensation as well as through Environmental Protection Fund created under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 for establishing a total of 25 units near blue flag beaches (13 nylon fishing gear/net recycling units and 12 plastic waste recycling units). It will cover the plant and machinery costs for the washing line, grinder/shredder/crusher, drying equipment, agglomerator, extruder, and pollution control devices (including the Effluent Treatment Plant). The cost of land, as well as civil and electrical works, operation and maintenance expenses, and any other recurring costs, shall be borne by the proponent.
- Financial support will be provided as a one-time grant of either, Rs. 19 lakhs per TPD of production capacity or 40% of the capital cost of the plastic waste recycling plant and machinery, whichever is lower, subject to a maximum of Rs. 38 lakhs per proposal. For setting up nylon fishing gear/ net recycling plant, one-time financial support will be provided of either, Rs. 24 Lacs per TPD of production capacity, or 40% of the capital cost of nylon fishing gears/net recycling plant & machinery, whichever is lower, subject to a maximum of Rs. 48 lakhs per proposal. The cost shall be borne in the ratio of 40:60, by CPCB and project proponent, respectively. Proponent may avail financial grant from other schemes, however, 40% cost of total plant and machinery is required to be borne by the applicant, so as to ensure responsible ownership and operation of the unit.

- The application for assistance shall be made by proponent to concerned SPCB/ PCC in a prescribed format along with Financial Statement of the proponent for past three financial years¹ and land possession letter/ lease agreement. It shall be screened & prioritized by State Level Screening Committee (MS SPCB, SCZMA, Fisheries Dept., ULB, member of registered fisherman society) and in case of favorable recommendation, forwarded to Central Evaluation Committee (MS CPCB, NCZMA, NCSC and Dept. of Fisheries). After evaluation, in case of favorable recommendation, and subsequent approval of Competent Authority, CPCB, the amount shall be released into the concerned SPCB's EPR account for disbursement to proponent in four progress linked installment schedules.
- To ensure that the funds are used effectively for their intended purpose, oversight mechanism including, (i) delineating scope of SPCBs/ PCCs, CPCB and ULBs, (ii) submission of BGs and progress linked release schedule, (iii) Monitoring Committee (RO SPCB, Dept. of Fisheries, RD CPCB) have been outlined in the guidelines.
- Model consent conditions have also been included in these guidelines for environment safeguarding.

¹ Exemptions as per applicable regulation for eligible Startups and MSEs