Title: Reduction of Marine Pollution Policy

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cycle as per amendments of University policies

1. Purpose

Gulf University in Bahrain is dedicated to reducing its contribution to marine pollution by implementing practices that minimize waste, prevent contamination, and advocate for responsible environmental stewardship. This policy formalizes the university's commitment to protecting marine ecosystems.

2. Scope

The document applies to all Gulf University operations and facilities and purchasing.

3. Acronyms

BQA	Education and Training Quality Authority
COO	Chief Operating Officer
HEC	Higher Education Council
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization

4. Definitions

- **Marine Pollution:** Refers to the introduction of harmful substances into marine environments, including plastics, chemicals, oil spills, sewage, and other pollutants that degrade water quality and harm marine life.
- **Single-Use Plastics:** Disposable plastic items designed for one-time use, such as bottles, bags, utensils, and packaging materials, which contribute significantly to marine pollution.
- **Sustainable Practices:** Environmental initiatives and behaviors that prioritize the long-term health and preservation of marine ecosystems, including waste reduction, recycling, and pollution prevention.
- **Marine Conservation:** The protection, preservation, and sustainable management of marine resources and habitats to maintain biodiversity and ecosystem balance.

5.   Policy Details:

5.1.**Reduction of Single-Use Plastics**: Gulf University commits to minimize the use of single-use plastics on campus to prevent their entry into marine environments and reduce the risk of pollution.

5.2.**Waste Management Practices**: Gulf University commits to implement efficient waste management systems to prevent littering and ensure proper disposal of waste to prevent marine pollution.

5.3.**Educational Campaigns**: Gulf University is committed to raise awareness among students, faculty, and staff about the impact of marine pollution, promoting responsible behaviors and advocating for marine conservation.

5.4.**Partnerships for Clean Seas**: Gulf university commits to collaborate with local organizations, governmental bodies, and community stakeholders to participate in coastal clean-up initiatives and marine conservation projects.

5.5.**Research and Innovation**: The university is keen to support research programs and initiatives that focus on marine pollution, sustainable marine practices, and the development of eco-friendly solutions to reduce pollution.

5.6.**Prevention of Chemical Contamination**: The university prohibits the disposal of hazardous chemicals, oils, or other pollutants into drains or water bodies to prevent contamination of marine ecosystems.

5.7.**Emergency Response Plan**: The university commits to develop and maintain an emergency response plan to address any accident or incident that may pose a threat to marine environments.

6.   Procedures

6.1.**Waste Reduction Efforts**:

- Implement recycling programs and initiatives to reduce plastic waste on campus.
- Encourage the use of reusable alternatives to single-use plastics among students, faculty, and staff.

6.2.**Educational Initiatives**:

- Organize seminars, workshops, and awareness campaigns to educate the university community about marine pollution and the importance of marine conservation.

6.3.**Community Engagement**:

- Engage students in beach clean-up activities and coastal restoration projects.
- Support student-led initiatives focused on marine conservation and pollution prevention.

7. Responsibilities

Board of Trustees is responsible for:

- Ensuring appropriate implementation of this policy.

President is responsible for:

- Ensuring appropriate implementation of this policy.

Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for:

- Appropriate implementation of this policy.

Chief Operating Officer is responsible for:

- Appropriate implementation of this policy.

Facilities and Purchasing Manager

- Following this policy appropriately.

Vendors and Suppliers

- Appropriate compliance with the policy.

University Policy Development and Review Committee is responsible for:

- Systematic review of the effectiveness of this policy.

8. Related Policies

- All University Policies

9. Related Procedures

- All University Procedures

10. Related References and Standards

BQA	Institutional Review Handbook
BQA	National Qualifications Framework Handbook
BQA	Programs-within-College Reviews Handbook
HEC	Regulations and Resolutions

President Signature: