



Dear owner or manager of (name of business)

I am officially participating in the United Arab Emirates' #stopsucking movement in conjunction with not-for-profit marine conservation organisation Azraq as part of an effort to reduce single-use plastic, particularly the plastic straw which is not only difficult to recycle, but is taking its toll on the ocean environment, particularly marine animals.

A plastic straw can take up to 200 years to break down, and sadly, this means it only breaks down to become tiny pieces of microplastic that fish then consume. The fish then eventually lands back on our plates as consumers of fish.

With alternatives such as paper and bamboo straws, would you consider making a change to your operations and joining the growing list of food outlets participating in this initiative as can be seen on **Azraq's Website** under the #stopsucking mission? Your business will be linked to the regional movement, with your change in operations shared on social media, promoting you as a green business leader within the community.

If the answer is YES! Please fill out the below:

As a participating business in the #stopsucking movement I vow to: (please check all that apply):

- Print on menu **Straws available upon request**
and only provide straws upon customer's request
- Discontinue the use and purchase of plastic straws.**
Offering a fully compostable* or reusable option to plastic straws
- Get rid of straws completely.

*Note: "Bio Plastics" are not recyclable in most areas, require a commercial high heat composting facility and will not breakdown in landfill.

Signed

Name:

Please complete this form and send via email to: admin@azraqme.org with a high res logo of your business and the date of your last plastic straw use.