



# Mapping the Future

As a new beginning dawned upon us at the end of the pandemic years, we at Greenpeace Southeast Asia asked ourselves: What does 'better normal' look like?

This takes me back to the reason why I joined Greenpeace, because beyond the horizon, I see my daughter's future, and I wanted to have a hand in shaping it into something that is kind, liveable and beautiful.

However, as we map this future, the threats continue to grow. For example, fossil fuel companies continue to make billions in profits, while causing billions of dollars of climate damage impacting the world's most vulnerable who have the least contribution to the cause. All over the world, devastating fires and floods continue to destroy life and livelihood and displace thousands from their homes. We've moved from global warming to what the UN secretary general has called 'global boiling'.

***Because as long as there are people like you who care enough, change can happen and there is still hope.***

I believe we all share the same fears and hopes for our next generation's future. This newsletter is proof of that fact for you, as you continue to support our work of demanding governments and corporations for accountability and mobilising people to bring about change. And in that, you are playing a part in shaping the future. Because as long as there are people like you who care enough, that change can happen and there is still hope.

This year at Greenpeace, we endeavour to kindle your hope and desire to fight for the planet. This newsletter will share with you the wins we've accomplished in the past year alone—from bringing together thousands of voices towards ending the age of plastics, to our campaigns to impact government policies against plastic pollution, to supporting indigenous people's legal fights for their homes, among many other inspiring stories that YOU made possible with your generous support.

We also hope these stories can inspire you to continue championing the good fight with us and build more of these stories in the coming years. There is more to be done. Equally, there is so much more that we can do.

It will be a long battle and one that I truly believe will be worth it. I remain optimistic about the wins which will eventually build our children's future.

Thank you for staying on with Greenpeace, and I hope you enjoy reading your story of change.



**Wrikdev Sarkar**  
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# Our Local Wins in 2023



## Mindoro Oil Spill

We bore witness to the impact of the oil spill in Oriental Mindoro due to the sinking of a ship carrying 800,000 liters of industrial fuel oil.



## Kuha sa Tingi

Together with our partners, we implemented “Kuha sa Tingi,” a sari-sari store-based refill initiative, in Quezon City and Taguig City.

2023 has seen many wins for Greenpeace Philippines. **You've made these possible!**



## GP Iloilo Volunteers

We launched the first official local group of volunteers outside of NCR during the Paraw Regatta Festival in Iloilo. To extend our promotion of sustainable solutions in making better cities, we set up water refilling stations along the shores of Villa de Arevalo and encouraged festival goers to bring their own refillable water bottles.



## Pride March

We joined the 100,000 marchers at the Quezon City LoveLaban Pride Festival with the call, “Climate justice is queer justice”. We set up a booth for attendees to learn more about the connection between climate justice and queer justice and a water refilling station, which helped avoid around 257 single-use plastic cups and bottles.



## Climate Reparations Forum

We co-organized *Climate Reparations: A Climate Change Imperative for the Philippines*, which dealt with the urgency of the climate change issue, the need for loss and damage reparations, and the role of LGUs in enacting solutions at a policy forum in Davao City.



## Black & White

We launched the Black and White campaign to spotlight the impacts of the plastic life cycle and pollution and amplify our call for a strong Global Plastics Treaty that will limit plastic production and use. We featured images of lifeless sea animals washed ashore in black and white tones, made of used plastics.



## Mobility Week

We introduced Mobility Week to amplify the call for better, humane, dignified, efficient, accessible and inclusive public transportation. We partnered with the city government of Malabon, which adopted the celebration designating September 16 to 22 every year as the Malabon City Mobility Week, and September 22nd as a car-less day.



## Pedal Palapag

Sarayo Forests, various Barangay-based People's Organizations, local outdoor clubs and the locality's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office launched “Pedal Palapag”, a climate solution initiative and bike-share program in the municipality of Palapag, Northern Samar.



# Life in Plastic Ain't Fantastic!

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development reports that global annual plastic production in 2019 is a staggering 460 million tonnes—9,900 times the weight of the Titanic! In 2060, industry projects that this amount will triple.

Your support for Greenpeace Philippines' work against corporations' relentless plastic production has enabled us to launch the #LifeInPlastic Exhibit.

Featuring interactive art pieces created entirely from plastic wastes recovered from past brand audits, the exhibit provided an immersive and multi-sensory experience, allowing guests to not only see the impacts of plastics, but also let them feel, hear, smell and even taste them. It was an experience focused on raising awareness of the worsening state of plastic pollution and how it affects our quality of life.

The art pieces were made in partnership with up-and-coming student artists from the Ateneo de Manila University and the University of the Philippines.

Over 1,000 people attended the first four days of our exhibit, which included our partners, volunteers, donors, members of the media and the public. Our partners included academic institutions, youth organizations, civil society organizations, government agencies and the Climate Change Commission.

At the end of the launch week, Greenpeace conducted a plastic brand audit workshop to participants interested in organizing their own audits to find out which companies are the top polluters in their respective communities and homes.

After the public launch, we also brought the #LifeInPlastic Exhibit to different schools and universities in Metro Manila and Cavite. We partnered with academic institutions like Miriam College's Environmental Studies Institute, long-time ally De La Salle University - Dasmaringas, and youth organizations like EARTH-UST, UP One Earth, UP Diliman University Student Council and Ateneo FASH.

Hundreds of students from grade school, high school and college visited the school exhibits. On each leg, we held discussions on the impacts of plastic pollution, guided exhibit tours and featured alternative sustainable solutions, bannerizing our reuse and refill project, "Kuha sa Tingi", as a real-world example. Some of the students expressed their interest in volunteering for the organization!

While the idea for this mobile interactive exhibit started with just a few schools in mind, we're happy with the positive reception it received and the possibility of bringing/replicating it across different regions in the country.

**We couldn't have done this without you and we can't wait to further amplify our call for a plastic-free future!**

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## Highlighting Localized Solutions in Addressing Disaster Risks

In line with the National Disaster Resistance Month last July, we launched the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Toolkit featuring stories of hope, leadership and community collaborations that produced localized solutions in addressing disaster risks brought by climate change.

The toolkit, “Building Resilient Communities: Promoting People Participation to Address Disaster Risk”, was developed in collaboration with local government units (LGUs), civil society organizations (CSOs) and our amazing Filipino communities.

The toolkit was designed to be a source of inspiration for LGUs, from which they can apply and adopt ideas in policy and practice for their own locality. It also recognizes the role of CSOs and people’s organizations in building resilient communities.

With a collection of eleven case studies from provinces and cities across the country, the toolkit illustrates the significant contributions of local indigenous knowledge, practices and localized solutions to the effectiveness of DRR and climate change adaptation and mitigation programs.

During the launch, stakeholders highlighted the call for urgent climate action, especially in communities that have been reeling from the effects of climate change such as strong typhoons, the looming El Niño, and urban heat.

The event also provided a space for local government representatives through their City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers (CDRRMOs) and CSO representatives in a town hall, where they emphasized the crucial role of community participation in addressing disaster risks.

Aside from the toolkit, we were also able to give a preview of the revamped climate risk and better cities map with our call to LGUs and communities to share data, information, stories and experiences and collaborate to shape and transform their cities for the better.

The fifty-five participants in Quezon City, 340 online participants, and watch party viewers from Iloilo City and General Luna were able to engage in the discussion and network and reconnect with partners and each other, some of whom met in person for the first time after the pandemic. We believe that this networking will open up opportunities to collaborate as well as nurture the strong interest in continuing the engagement.



FREE DOWNLOAD



<http://act.gp/drrtoolkit>





## De-normalizing Climate Emergencies

By now, there should be no debate that climate change is real... and it's getting worse!

Our first super typhoon this year happened in the middle of the scorching hot summer. Super typhoon Mawar (local name Betty) caused power outages and destruction in Guam and became one of the world's strongest typhoons formed in May since weather records began.

The stories our team has gathered from the people of Cagayan Valley are a stark reminder that we must keep pushing for climate justice.

***“We are not used to typhoons. Maybe others are used to typhoons because they have concrete houses and stable jobs. That is why we always pray to the Lord that there will be no storm, because it will affect our way of life, it will destroy our houses. There is nothing permanent for us Agta.”***

Leila Tayam,  
Indigenous Peoples  
representative  
from Sanchez Mira, Cagayan



Fortunately, the storm weakened as it tracked northward, sparing communities from what was otherwise a huge scare.

In a statement, Greenpeace Campaigner Jefferson Chua said that “the Philippines is in a constant state of climate emergency. Super typhoons are the Philippines’ new normal, even as we are already experiencing longer-term, slow onset impacts such as drought, sea level rise, and diminishing resources.”

“Meanwhile, fossil fuel companies responsible for most of the carbon emissions that have

largely contributed to the climate crisis, are still looking to expand their operations, further exacerbating the effects of climate change, even as they rake in huge profits from our people’s suffering,” Chua added.

While Typhoon Mawar didn’t cause a lot of destruction in the Philippines, we can’t take back the lost time, the fear and distress from the lack of security and the overall disruption in the everyday lives of communities.

“The Philippine government must demand reparations for losses and damages from fossil fuel companies. At the same time, governments around the world must ensure that these companies undertake a fast and fair transition away from fossil fuels, and pay up for their role in climate disasters. The world shouldn’t let these climate crimes continue; culprits must be held to account and must pay reparations,” Chua said.

Your continued support empowers Greenpeace Philippines to persist with our demand for climate justice and climate solutions for our fellow Filipinos, facing not only our national government, but also international corporations and governing bodies.



## Behind the Scenes

### Marian Ledesma *Zero Waste Campaigner*

Before being Greenpeace Philippines' zero waste campaigner, Marian first joined Greenpeace as a youth volunteer campaigning on climate and energy issues and then getting involved in the anti-genetically modified organism (GMO) campaign in her province.

In 2018, Marian started working at Greenpeace Philippines as the country director's assistant and was assigned to the Climate Justice and Liability campaign before becoming a campaigner. In three years of working on plastic pollution and waste related issues, she's been involved in campaigning for legislation, developing refill models as alternatives to plastic packaging, and engaging in the UNEP Global Plastics Treaty process, among other things.

“Having worked on environmental and social issues for 18 years, I know how vital community and collaboration are to campaigns. I've met many amazing people fighting for environmental justice, and heard many stories of communities rising up against polluters - and their community, the movement behind them, and support of others believing in or advocating for the same cause have been important parts of their campaigns. **Without donors' support, Greenpeace's work and our collaboration with like-minded movements, leaders and organizations would not be possible.**”



Marian Ledesma joined other Greenpeace delegates in Paris, France to advance the development of an ambitious and effective Global Plastics Treaty—the international legally binding instrument that can totally stop plastic pollution.

The second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-2) involved negotiations on the objectives of the Treaty, and more importantly, the main elements of the legal instrument. Member states also had lengthy discussions on the Rules of Procedure, which have crucial points of contention—voting versus consensus and the rule on whether the European Union states have 27 distinct votes or just 1 vote.

While some substantive discussions have taken place, there's still a huge amount of work ahead of us. Plastic pollution and the climate crisis are two sides of the same coin. The Global Plastics Treaty must tackle plastic production head-on. This will align with the need to stay within 1.5°C and move the world away from its plastic addiction. Anything else less than that, and the treaty will fail.



# STRONG GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY NOW!

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# Greenpeace Highlights 2023



## International

Greenpeace International organised an open call to discuss the historic Global Ocean Treaty, which was formally adopted at the UN in August.



## Brazil

GP Brazil launched a Minecraft Map centred in the Amazon. The game's quests will focus on tasks related to protecting the forest, such as fighting illegal mining, fires and deforestation.



## The Amazon

A report published by GP East Asia and GP Brazil on April 12 found 75 Hyundai excavators in illegal gold mining pits in Indigenous Lands in the Amazon.

Hyundai stated a public commitment to the protection of the Amazon, announcing that they would temporarily stop selling its excavators in areas close to the indigenous territories of Kayapó, Munduruku and Yanomami.



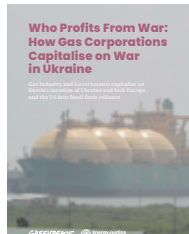
## Middle East and North Africa

Led by the Roots program and GP MENA, youth organisers and mobilisers from almost 100 countries attended the Climate Justice Camp in Lebanon.

The camp covered local organizing, movement resilience, loss and damage, climate adaptation and fossil fuel phaseout among others. This is the largest event of its kind to take place in the region.

## Publications Released in 2023

[www.greenpeace.org/international/publication/](http://www.greenpeace.org/international/publication/)







## EU

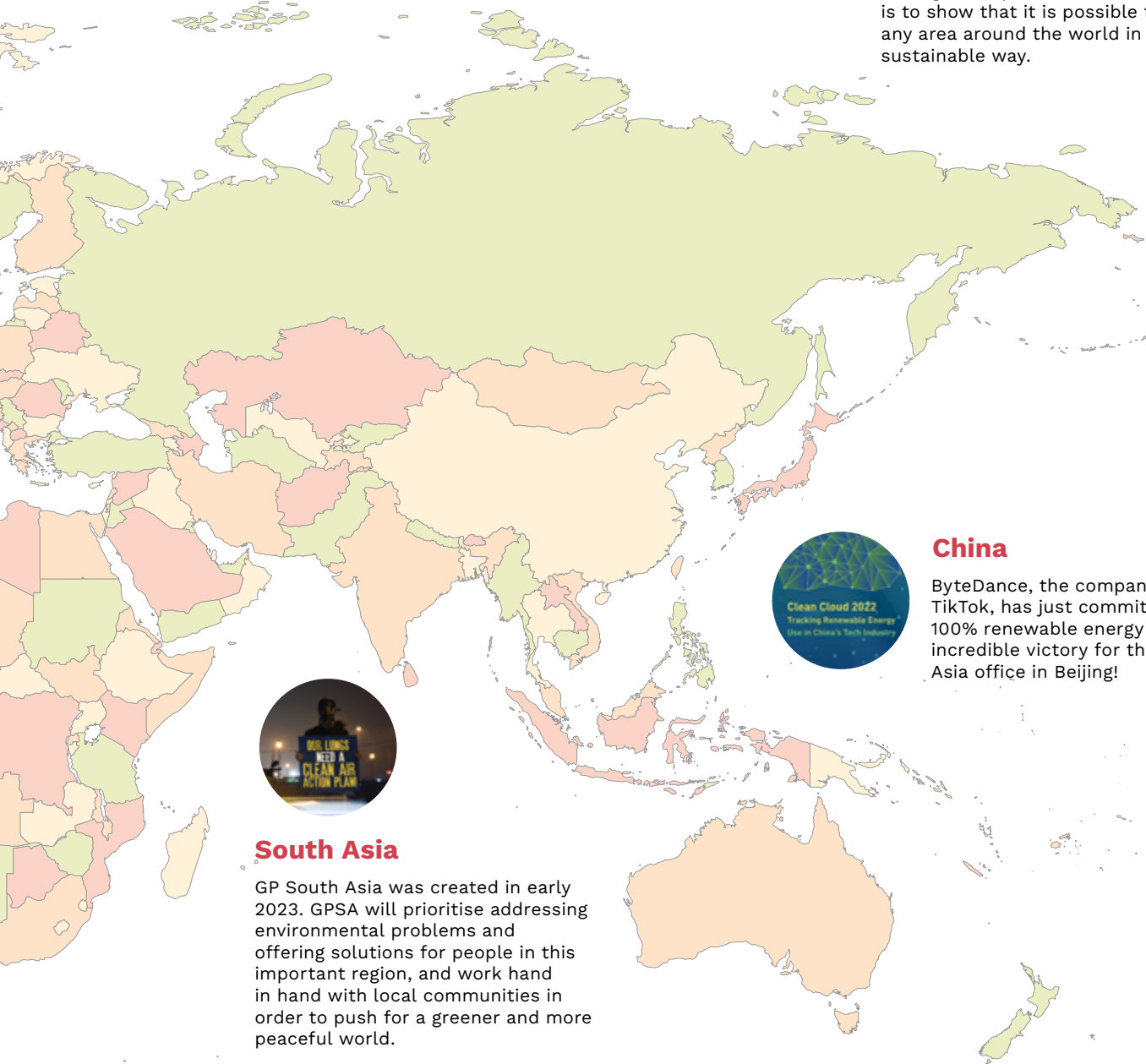
GP International activists boarded a ship carrying crucial equipment for Shell to produce more oil and gas in the North Sea.

Together they occupied the equipment throughout the nearly 4,000km journey, highlighting Shell's reckless plans to keep drilling for more fossil fuels.



## Ukraine

GP Central and Eastern Europe created the "City Partnership for Green Reconstruction in Ukraine". In partnership with environmental organisations and local municipalities in Ukraine, the pilot project has installed a solar system and heat pumps on the damaged hospital in Horenka. The idea is to show that it is possible to rebuild any area around the world in a green and sustainable way.



## South Asia

GP South Asia was created in early 2023. GPSA will prioritise addressing environmental problems and offering solutions for people in this important region, and work hand in hand with local communities in order to push for a greener and more peaceful world.



## China

ByteDance, the company that owns TikTok, has just committed to 100% renewable energy by 2030, an incredible victory for the GP East Asia office in Beijing!



## Indonesia

GP Indonesia and Solar Generation, youth groups RE initiatives, with local residents installed a solar water pump in Timbulsloko. This initiative is part of the GP Indonesia program called "Flowing Hope for Timbulsloko", which aims to address the clean water needs of 138 families and four houses of worship, and promote the use of efficient and renewable energy sources. This program is supported by people through crowdfunded activity which succeed to collect IDR 72 million.

## 2023 UN Human Rights Prize

The Global Coalition of Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples, Social Movements, and Local Communities for the Universal Recognition of the Human Right to a Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable Environment, to which GP network belongs, is one of the recipients of the prestigious 2023 United Nations Human Rights Prize. This award recognises the essential role in advocating for the recognition of the right to a healthy environment by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in July 2022. This is the first time a coalition has received the award.

# How are we using our funding?

**You've made everything we've accomplished this year possible.** You and your passion for the planet have funded most of our work, along with grants from private charitable foundations who share our values.

Thanks to your continued support, you've enabled our organization to remain independent. Our independence is vital for us to be effective in our campaigning work, which is why we have it as a core principle that guides all of our fundraising.

In 2022, your contributions went to...



**Forests**  
**38%**



**Climate Energy**  
**26%**



**Ocean**  
**19%**



**Good Life**  
**6%**



**Climate Justice**  
**6%**



**Food for Life**  
**2%**



**Other Issues**  
**3%**

We make sure that your donations are spent where it is needed most. Every expense is accounted for. Greenpeace Southeast Asia's (Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand) expenditures comply with established internal policies, regulations and procedures and are part of the yearly budgets that are annually reviewed and approved by Greenpeace Southeast Asia's Regional Board of Directors.

## Every year, we're constantly ramping up our work.

Greenpeace has contributed to the safeguarding of the Filipino's constitutional rights to a balanced and healthful ecology. Together with our allies and working with communities, we have worked to champion renewable energy, combat illegal fishing and campaign for clean seas, support and amplify the Filipinos' call for climate justice and call for the elimination of toxic chemicals in our environment.

Despite global efforts, big climate polluters continue to rack up billions in income and we need YOU to help us match their force.

**If you are able to extend more help, please increase your donation or donate a one-off amount.** Visit our website by scanning the QR code on the left.

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**Upgrade or make a one-time donation**



Our campaigning ship, the Rainbow Warrior, has once again set sail to the Philippines!

We've invited the public to hop on board and join our demand for accountability from major fossil fuel companies and commemoration of Typhoon Haiyan's 10th anniversary.

**The ship first docked in Tacloban on November 7 and sailed to other parts of the country until it ends in Manila.**

Haiyan, or Yolanda as most Filipinos recall it, is one of the most powerful cyclones ever recorded worldwide. A decade after its horrific onslaught, polluters like Shell, Exxon Mobil, Chevron and other major fossil fuel companies are still operating as usual and have not taken responsibility for the loss and damage that their operations have caused to our communities.

They continue to exploit our planet and contribute to the worsening climate, while our communities are at the forefront of the worsening climate and other life-threatening effects of fossil fuel extraction and use, as evidenced by the extreme weather events that we've been consistently experiencing.

Scan the QR code to be redirected to the Rainbow Warrior Tour 2023 landing page to learn more. Together, let us call for all fossil fuel companies to **STOP DRILLING AND START PAYING.**

See you there!

For climate justice and accountability,



**EDWARD AQUINO**  
Supporter Relations Coordinator  
Greenpeace Philippines-Fundraising Team

## Were you able to board our ship?

Tag us on your posts!

### Tacloban Open Boat

#### Day 1

Nov. 7, 2023, Tuesday

#### Day 2

Nov. 9, 2023, Thursday

#### Day 3

Nov. 10, 2023, Friday

### Manila Open Boat

#### Day 1

Nov. 25, 2023, Saturday

#### Day 2

Nov. 26, 2023, Sunday

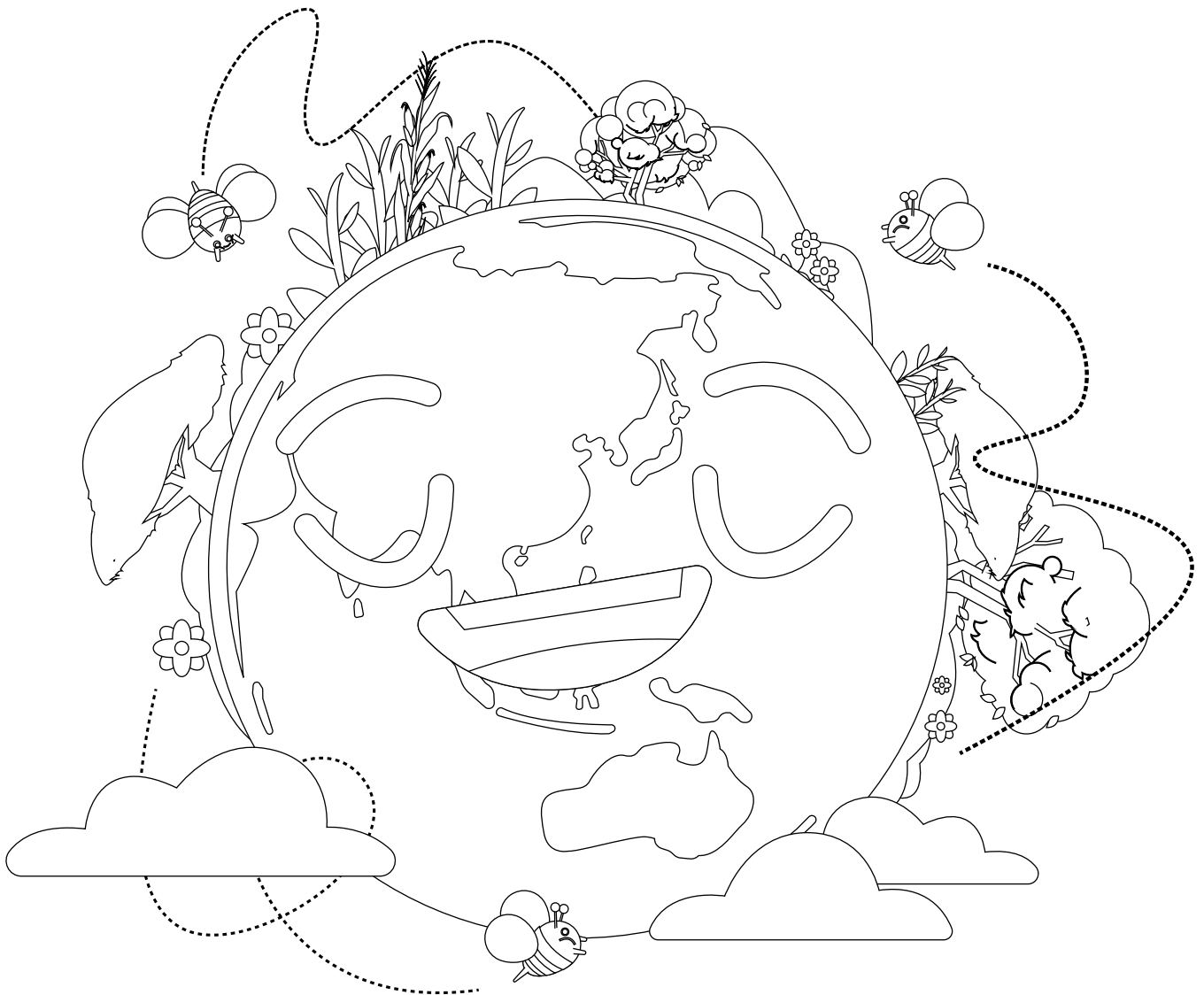


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