

Seaweeds waste biomass for a clean and sustainable environment

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Millions tons of seaweeds waste biomass is annually produced all over the world. Such waste biomass is not economically reused, damaging our shorelines, affecting touristic activities and negatively impacting coral reefs, aquatic life and biodiversity. That consequently, negatively impacts the achievements of the sustainable development goals. Valorization of such wastes is a feasible process to reach a sustainable and clean environment. It can be successfully applied for; production of valuable products; e.g. nano-materials, biocides, green- catalyst for biodiesel production and photo-catalytic degradation of different pollutants, wastewater treatment, production of different kinds of biofuels as complementary and/or alternative to petro-fuels. Thus, valorization of such aquatic wastes with the concept of reaching zero-waste and achieving the circular economy is a promising criteria for accomplishing the three pillars of sustainability; economy, society and environment [Figure 1].



Figure 1. Graphical abstract.

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