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Plastics may be banned at Malpe beach

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Udupi: Deputy Commissioner P. Hemalatha said on Sunday that the district administration was contemplating banning the use of plastic bags and other plastic items at Malpe beach and St. Mary's Island.

She was speaking after inaugurating a double-decker boat service to St. Mary's Island at Malpe port here.

Ms. Hemalatha said that the move would go a long way in keeping the environment both at Malpe beach and St. Mary's Island clean. The tourism sector had a lot of potential in the district, but facilities were developing at a slow pace. St. Mary's Island was a popular picnic spot, she said.

The Malpe Development Committee had taken the initiative to develop Malpe beach and St. Mary's Island. The starting of the boat service to the island showed that private initiative could play a vital role in the promotion of tourism, Ms. Hemalatha said.