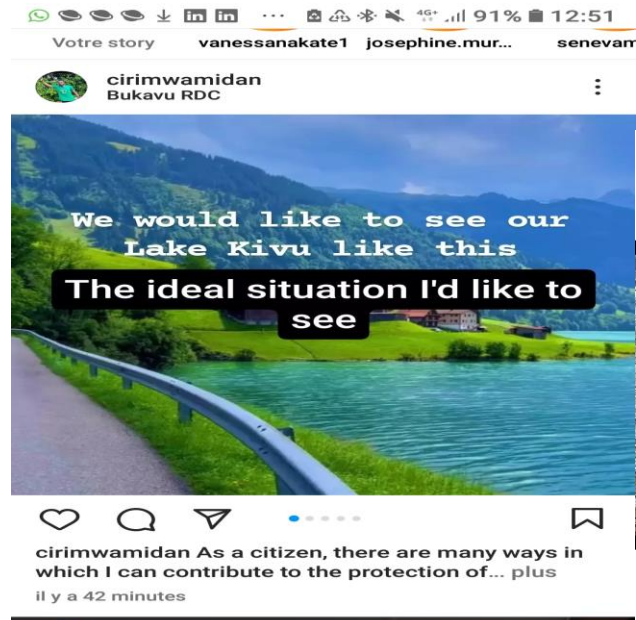
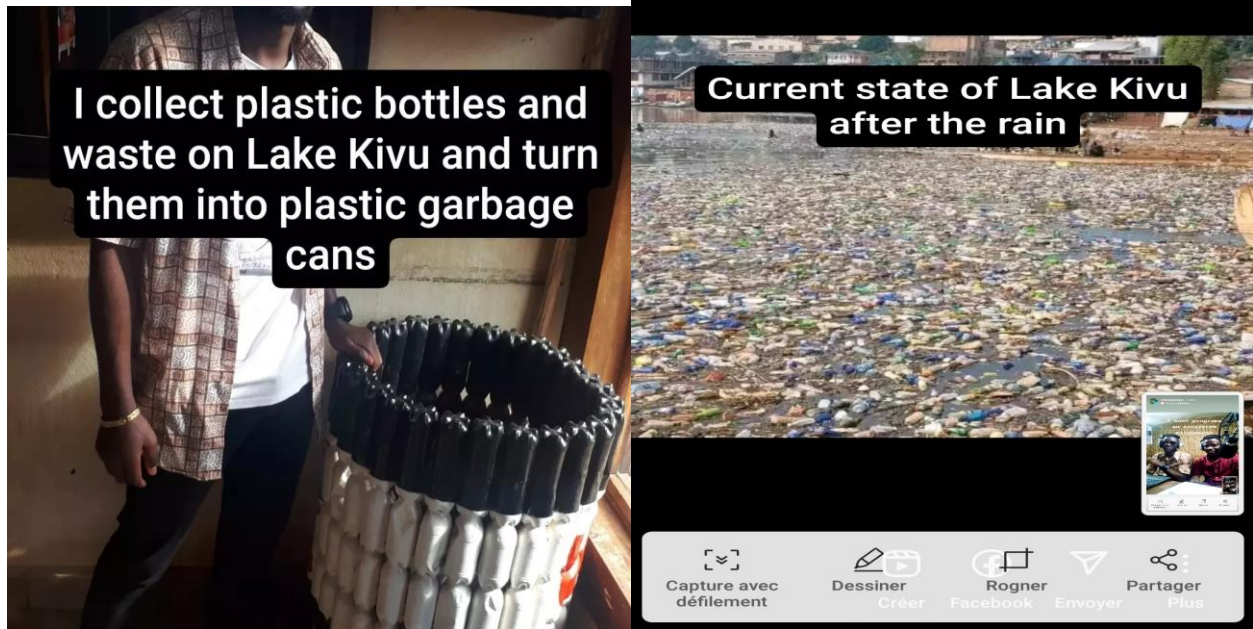


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Green

This bioaccumulation of plastic makes its way to the top of any food web—including our own dinner plates.

we don't live alone in this world of accumulating hazards. Collectively, our voices can bring global accountability to the goliath interests that have gone unchecked for far too long. By treating pollution as a symptom and not the disease, we can finally address this plastics crisis at the source.

The statistics are so dire that they are difficult to conceptualize: that by 2050 there could be more plastic in the ocean than fish; that a garbage truck's worth of plastic enters the ocean every minute; that microplastics are now being detected in utero and that petrochemicals are diminishing the ability of current and future generations to reproduce—all while a mighty few profit from plastic production.

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As a citizen, there are many ways in which I can contribute to the protection of ecosystems and the environment. Here are a few examples:

1. Practicing environmentally-friendly behaviors on a daily basis, such as recycling, reducing water and energy consumption, and using sustainable transport.
2. Participate in actions to clean up and preserve natural areas, whether by joining associations or organizing local initiatives.
3. Make those around me aware of the importance of protecting the environment, by sharing information, explaining what's at stake and encouraging changes in behavior.
4. Support and participate in ecosystem conservation projects, whether by making donations, supporting environmental organizations or taking part in volunteer programs.
5. Participate in public debates and consultations on environmental issues, expressing my opinions and asking political decision-makers to take concrete action to protect the environment.

In short, every citizen can contribute in his or her own way, whether through small individual actions or broader involvement in collective projects. The most important thing is to be aware of our impact on the environment and to act accordingly to preserve our ecosystems.

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Dear government and business,

We are a group of young people committed to environmental stewardship, and we ask for your support in spreading our message and promoting our recycling projects. We encourage you to adopt the "polluter pays" principle.

The polluter pays principle is an approach that places responsibility for pollution on those who cause it. Companies that produce plastics can contribute financially by taking concrete action to mitigate the negative impact of their products on the environment.

We therefore ask you to support our recycling initiatives by providing financial, technical and logistical resources to facilitate the collection, sorting and recycling of plastic waste in our region. This will help reduce plastic pollution, preserve ecosystems and promote a circular economy.

By supporting us, you also encourage local communities to take an active part in the management of plastic waste and become aware of the importance of their own role in preserving the environment.

We are convinced that your support will help strengthen our actions and achieve positive results in environmental protection and sustainability in our region. We are open to collaboration and dialogue to find common solutions and build a sustainable future together.

Together, we can make a difference and create a healthy environment for future generations. Yours sincerely

Youth involved in environmental and ecosystem management in South Kivu