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**1st Regional Workshop Series
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle to Protect the Marine Environment and Coral Reefs (3RproMar)**

***Fostering the implementation of the ASEAN Regional Action Plan
for Combating Marine Debris***

**30–31 May 2022
(Hybrid Format)**

**CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAMME
As of 9 May 2022**

BACKGROUND

The increase of marine litter caused by insufficient waste management and recycling is threatening marine and coastal environments worldwide, including in the ASEAN region. As a regional community, ASEAN Member States (AMS) have consequently recognised the urgent need to take a joint action and made notable progress in tackling such cross-border challenge. Given the transboundary dimension of the issue, the adoption of the ASEAN Framework of Action on Marine Debris and the ASEAN Regional Action Plan (RAP) for Combating Marine Debris (2021–2025) provides an important basis for regional cooperation and at the same time, gives greater visibility to national efforts, and promotes exchange of good practices.

Against this backdrop, the ASEAN-German project “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to Protect the Marine Environment and Coral Reefs” (3RproMar) is being implemented by *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH* on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat to support AMS in the improvement of implementation capacities for reducing land-based waste leakage to protect the marine environment. The four-year project (2020–2024) particularly addresses four focal countries along the Mekong River system, i.e., Cambodia and Viet Nam as well as the island states of Indonesia and the Philippines.

The project interventions include four areas of activities, through (a) promoting the enhancement of regional cooperation and knowledge management among the representatives of the ASEAN working groups dealing with marine litter and plastic pollution, i.e., the ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME), the ASEAN Working Group on Chemicals and Waste (AWGCW), and the ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC); (b) supporting the development of national measures for waste leakage reduction in the focused AMS as well as their translation into local strategies; (c) increasing the requirements for the private sector’s contribution to waste reduction; and (d) implementing pilot projects in selected municipalities along the value chain at the national level.

In view of enhancing regional cooperation and knowledge management among the relevant ASEAN Working Groups, GIZ 3RproMar in coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat will organise a total of three regional workshops from 2022 to 2024, with the aim of bringing together a broad range of key stakeholders working in the areas of solid waste, marine litter, and circular economy. Participants will discuss existing approaches, challenges and opportunities for improved measures along the waste value chain, in light of keeping waste and its value in the economy and

out of the marine environment. To enable a coordinated approach, the workshops will address a variety of solid waste issues along the value chain in line with the four Framework of Action components.



1st REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Bringing the theme “*Fostering the implementation of the ASEAN Regional Action Plan for Combating Marine Debris*”, the 1st Regional Workshop Series will be held tentatively on 30–31 May 2022 in hybrid format (in-person in Jakarta for Indonesia-based participants and Phnom Penh for Cambodia-based participants; and online via Microsoft Teams).

Objectives

The 1st Regional Workshop aims to: (a) provide a platform to discuss and generate recommendations for enabling the planning phase of the ASEAN RAP for Combating Marine Debris; (b) explore opportunities for 3RproMar to contribute to the implementation of the ASEAN RAP; (c) discuss challenges and exchange good practices in terms of policy, research, innovation, private sector engagement, and public awareness in tackling land-based marine litter at the regional, national, and local levels; (d) facilitate effective transfer of regional strategies and practices to the stakeholders’ respective fields of activity at the national and local levels, enabling them to support the implementation of measures in their respective countries, advancing the region’s transition to a circular economy.

Expected Outputs

The 1st Regional Workshop is expected to achieve the following outputs: (a) a set of recommended actions to support the planning phase of the ASEAN RAP for Combating Marine Debris; (b) a set of entry points for follow-up action of 3RproMar; (c) a compilation of good practices and priorities in terms of policy, research, innovation, private sector engagement, and public awareness in tackling land-based marine litter at the regional, national, and local levels, to support the region’s transition to a circular economy; (d) a regional workshop report to feed into and be disseminated at 3RproMar national stakeholder forums in the four focused AMS.

Targeted Participants

The 1st Regional Workshop will target the National Focal Points (NFPs) of AWGCME, AWGESC, AWGCW, other relevant ASEAN Working Groups, among other government representatives from the ASEAN region. The Workshop will also involve industry, the financial sector, academic experts, civil society representatives, as well as ASEAN Dialogue/Development Partners.

Tentative Programme

Time (GMT+7)	Session and Resource Persons (TBC)	Facilitator/ Moderator
Day 1 – Monday, 30 May 2021		
08.30	Registration	Facilitator
08.50	Housekeeping	Facilitator
09.00	Opening Session (20 mins) a) Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Sopon Thongdee, Director-General, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, Thailand, AWGCME Chairperson • H.E. Ekkaphab Phantavong, Deputy-Secretary General (DSG) of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), ASEAN Secretariat • H.E. Ina Lepel, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Indonesia, ASEAN, and Timor Leste b) Acknowledgment of Participants c) Workshop Overview	Facilitator
09.20	Photo Op (5 mins)	Facilitator
09.25	Keynote Session: Setting the scene (10 mins) Current status of marine litter issue in ASEAN and the progress of the ASEAN RAP for Combating Marine Debris, AWGCME Chair (Thailand)	
09.35	Coffee Break (10 mins)	
09.45	Plenary Session 1: Translating global and regional policies into national and sub-national actions (1.15 hrs max) Presentations (global and regional) (8 mins each) a) <i>Global legally-binding treaty on plastic pollution</i> , UNEP b) <i>Strengthening regional policies and institutions</i> , Southeast Asia	Moderator: GIZ

	<p>Regional Program on Combating Marine Plastics (SEA-MaP), World Bank</p> <p>c) <i>Supporting AMS National Action Plans, IDEA/IGES</i></p> <p>Presentations (national and local) (5 mins each)</p> <p>a) Indonesia's Plan of Action on Marine Plastic Debris, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia</p> <p>b) National Action Plan for Management of Marine Plastic Litter, Viet Nam</p> <p>c) National Marine Litter Policy and Action Plan, Malaysia</p> <p>d) National Plan of Action for the Reduction of Marine litter, Philippines</p> <p>e) Local government representative, Philippines</p> <p>Q&A Session (5–10 mins)</p>	
11.00	<p>Breakout Session 1: Enabling conditions for the ASEAN Regional Action Plan (RAP) for Combating Marine Debris (1.30 hrs)</p> <p>a) Group 1: Institutional set-up</p> <p>b) Group 2: Resource mobilization</p> <p>c) Group 3: Communication and coordination strategy, and baseline development</p>	<p>Moderators: ASEAN Secretariat and GIZ</p>
12.30	<p>Lunch Break (1.00 hr)</p>	-
13.30	<p>Plenary Presentation of Breakout Session Results and Q&A (30 mins)</p>	Facilitator
14.00	<p>Plenary Session 2: Private sector engagement to combat land-based marine litter (1.30 hrs max)</p> <p>Presentations (8 mins each)</p> <p>a) <i>Harmonising public and private sectors in marine litter prevention</i>, AWGESC Representative</p> <p>b) <i>Strengthening multistakeholder partnership to address land-based solid waste</i>, Packaging Associations (PRAISE/IPRO/PARMS/Viet Nam PRO)</p> <p>c) <i>EPR Toolbox</i>, PREVENT Waste Alliance</p> <p>d) <i>Promoting private sector knowledge platform to tackle marine plastic debris</i>, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)</p> <p>e) <i>Upstream strategies of prevention and preparation for re-use</i>, GIZ Collaborative Action for Single-Use Plastic Prevention in Southeast Asia (CAP SEA) Project</p> <p>Reactions (5 mins each)</p> <p>a) ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ)</p>	<p>Moderator: GIZ</p>

	<p>b) Asian Development Bank (ADB) c) The Circulate Capital / The Incubation Network</p> <p>Q&A Session (5–10 mins)</p>	
15.30	Coffee Break (10 mins)	
15.40	Wrap-Up (5 mins)	Facilitator
15.45	Closing of Day 1, Environment Division, ASEAN Secretariat (5 mins)	Facilitator
Day 2 – Tuesday, 31 May 2021		
08.30	Registration and Housekeeping	Facilitator
09.00	Review of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2 (10 mins)	Facilitator
09.10	<p>Plenary Session 3: Supporting research, innovation, and capacity building to reduce leakage into waterways (1.30 hrs max)</p> <p>Presentations (8 mins each)</p> <p>a) <i>3Rs to protect the marine environment</i>, GIZ 3RproMar b) <i>Strengthening Circular Economy in ASEAN</i>, E-READI/GIZ c) <i>Capacity building and knowledge management</i>, Regional Capacity Center for Clean Seas (RC3S), Indonesia d) <i>Informal sector & waste monitoring</i>, Closing the Loop Project, UN ESCAP e) <i>Plastic waste and science (experiences from CounterMEASURE & SEA of Solutions Projects)</i>, UNEP f) <i>Scientific knowledge to support policies and actions on marine plastic pollution</i>, Alliance for Plastic Pollution and Value Network Management (ASAP) / International Knowledge Hub Against Plastic Pollution (IKHAPP) g) <i>Enhancing capacity building at a local level to reduce marine plastic litter</i>, ASEAN-Norway Cooperation Project on Local Capacity Building for Reducing Plastic Pollution in the ASEAN Region (ASEANO) Project, Center for Southeast Asian Studies Indonesia (CSEAS)</p> <p>Reactions (5 mins each)</p> <p>a) AWGESC/AWGCMC NFP, Cambodia b) Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)</p> <p>Q&A Session (5–10 mins)</p>	Moderator: GIZ
10.40	Coffee Break (10 mins)	
10.50	Plenary Session 4: Enhancing public awareness, education and outreach on plastics and waste management (1.10 hrs max)	Moderator: GIZ

	<p>Presentations (8 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AWGEE Chairperson (Brunei Darussalam) b) <i>Campaigns for different target groups to combat marine litter, Zero Waste SG, Singapore</i> c) <i>Behavioural change agenda on plastics and waste management, National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) Indonesia</i> d) <i>Behavioural insights to promote waste separation, German Development Institute (DiE)</i> e) <i>Volunteerism to combat marine litter, International Coastal Clean-up, Philippines</i> f) <i>Public awareness campaigns to promote Circular Economy, EU-GIZ Rethinking Plastics</i> <p>Reactions (5 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AWGCME/AWGEE representative b) COMPED, Cambodia <p>Q&A Session (5–10 mins)</p>	
12.00	Lunch Break (1.00 hrs)	
13.00	<p>Breakout Session 2: 3RproMar follow-up actions to support the implementation of ASEAN RAP (1.30 hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Establish a regional platform for EPR knowledge support and implementation support b) Behavioural change communication strategy playbook c) Strengthen ASEAN regional knowledge network on marine plastics 	Moderators: GIZ
14.30	Coffee Break (10 mins)	
14.40	Plenary Presentation of Breakout Session Results & Q&A (30 mins)	Facilitator
15.10	Ways Forward (15 mins)	Facilitator
15.25	Wrap-up (10 mins)	Facilitator
15.35	Closing Remarks (5 mins)	AWGCME Chair
