

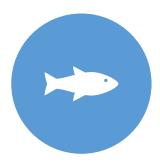
## Challenges and Opportunities for Marine Debris Management in Southeast Asia

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## Overview of Marine Debris Issue

#### Macro Debris (>20mm)





### What Is Marine Debris?

80% of marine debris

come from

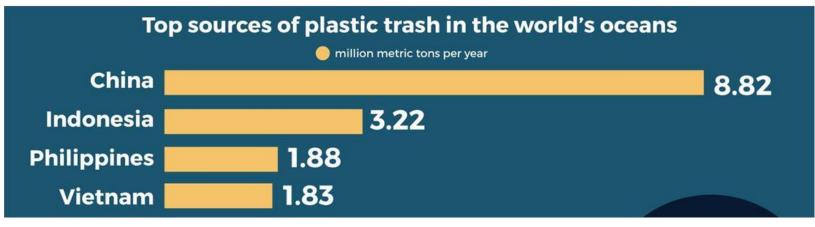
land-based sources &

they are **plastics**!





Asia emits 80% of plastic waste in the sea but almost no effort to treat it.



More than **5 trillion pieces of plastic** in the ocean are **94%** of which are **microplastics**.

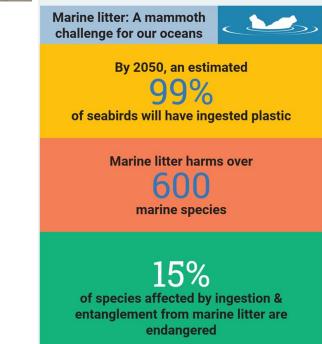
Jambeck, J. R., et al. "Plastic Waste Inputs from Land into the Ocean." Science, vol. 347, no. 6223, 13 Feb. 2015, pp. 768–771., doi:10.1126/science.1260352

## Marine Debris Can ...

- injure or kill wildlife
- pollute habitats
- interfere with navigational safety
- cause economic loss to fishing and maritime industries
- degrade the quality of life in coastal communities
- threaten human health and safety.

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Dead whale in Philippines with 40 kg of plastics in stomach (Photo Credit: OrissaPost)



#CleanSeas

Jambeck et al., 2015



## International and Regional Initiatives

### International Commitments

London Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (1972) and Protocol (1996)

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea - UNCLOS (1982)

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) - Annex 5

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal

### Regional Initiatives

ASEAN +3 Marine Plastics Debris Cooperative Action Initiative (2018)

Bangkok Declaration on Combating Marine Debris in ASEAN Region (2019)

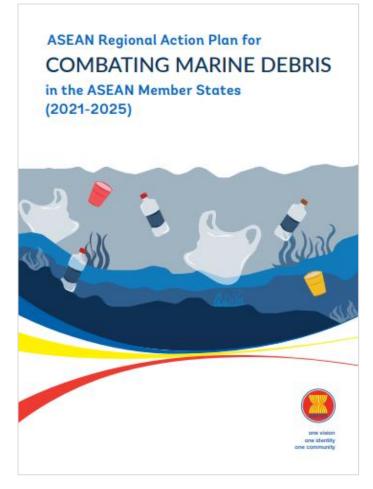
ASEAN Framework of Action on Marine Debris (2019)

ASEAN Regional Action Plan for Combating Marine Debris in the ASEAN Member States (2021-2025)



## ASEAN Regional Action Plan for Combating Marine Debris

## **ASEAN RAP: Three Key Themes**





**Reduce inputs into the system** 



Enhance collection & minimize leakage



**Create value for waste reuse** 

## **ASEAN RAP: Four Components for Action**



#### **Policy support & planning**



Research, innovation & capacity building



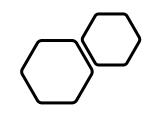
Public awareness, education & outreach

COMBATING MARINE DEBRIS in the ASEAN Member States (2021 - 2025)ans identif

**ASEAN Regional Action Plan for** 



**Private sector engagement** 



# POLICY SUPPORT & PLANNING

## RAP on Policy Support & Planning

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**Guiding Principles for Phasing out Single-use Plastics (SUPs)** 

 Policies for consumption reduction, product requirements, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Best Practice Manual for Development of Minimum Standards & Technical Requirements for Plastic Packaging & Labeling

Standards for sustainable packaging, biodegradability and composability

#### **Regional Stocktaking of Green Public Procurement (GPP)**

 Manual on GPP best practices and criteria for plastics-related product groups and services

## RAP on Policy Support & Planning

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#### **Regional Guidebook on Financial Mechanisms**

EPR fees, deposit refund schemes, funding mechanisms for plastic waste separate collection and recycling

#### **Best Practice Manual for Managing Sea-based Litter**

 Guide for regulating waste disposal from vessels, controlling fishing activities, best practices for waste management and clean-up operations

#### Regional Guidebook on Standards for Responsible Plastic Waste Trade, Sorted Plastics Waste, and Recycled Plastics

 Stocktaking of existing grade classification quality & trade requirements for recycled plastics, quality assurance mechanisms and tracking code-system

## Comparison with EU Waste Strategies



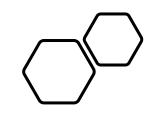
Inadequate data on the common plastic items leaked from ASEAN rivers to oceans may hinder the effectiveness of the policies on SUPs consumption reduction.



The ASEAN RAP is lacking clear quantitative and temporal targets.



Strategic partnership with research institutions is crucial to enhance evidenceinformed policy making.



# RESEARCH, INNOVATION & CAPACITY BUILDING

## RAP on Research, Innovation, & Capacity Building



#### Develop Guidebook for Common Methodologies for Assessment and Monitoring of Marine Litter

to understand the magnitude of land-based and sea-based sources of marine debris and identify the most common plastic items

#### **Strengthen ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Marine Plastics**



to enable research collaboration on plastics knowledge and solutions

## RAP on Research, Innovation, & Capacity Building



#### **Conduct a Regional Study on Microplastics**

to contribute to the global efforts on microplastics research

# **Coordinate Regional Training Programs on Plastics and Waste Management**

to develop regional-level capacity building programs efficiently and effectively

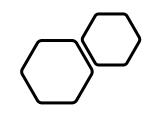


## Plenty of good ideas and provides good frameworks, but needs to ...

- include citizen science, particularly involving youth, as part of the research frameworks
- involve R&D institutions that are attached to the industry or the private sector
- provide seed fund to support innovative research on plastics and waste management
- focus on youth as agents of change in the training
- promote cross-jurisdiction exchanges between similar actors.







# PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION & OUTREACH

## RAP on Public Awareness, Education, & Outreach Programs

Reduce

Remove

Refuse

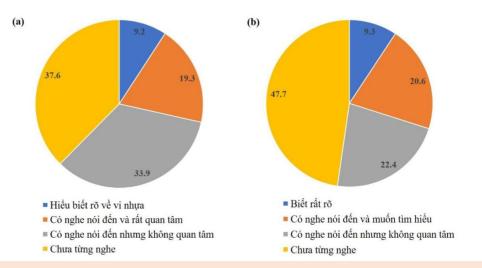
Recycle

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Reuse

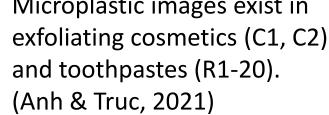
Communication strategy: Creation of effective
campaign designs for the different target groups
reflecting different consumption behavior.

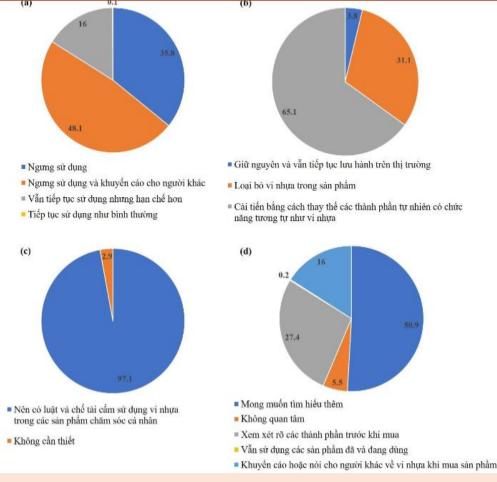
□ Training: Integration in the training program at all levels



Survey on consumer awareness and concern about microplastics in the environment (a) and in personal care products (b)

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Consumer attitudes and perceptions about the use of microplastics-containing personal care products: (a) continued use of the product when microplastics are detected, (b) desired for the manufacturer of nonplastic products and personal care products, (c) regulatory requirements for the use of microplastics in personal care products and (d) desire to learn more about products containing microplastics





Awareness program to prevent ocean plastic waste in Vung Tau, Vietnam 2019

Audience: students





#### A training course of plastic recycling for plastic companies SEA-PLASTIC- EDU Project (EU, Lao and Vietnam)







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SAY NO TO PLASTIC!

Tài trợ bởi dự án SEA - PLASTIC -EDU thuộc chương trình Erasmus+ của Châu Âu



Ý tưởng, sản phẩm...nhằm giảm thiểu rác thải nhựa hoặc góp phần đem lại hiệu quả trong quản lý rác thải nhựa và bảo vệ môi trường

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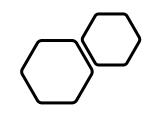
#### In our efforts:

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- Organize media community events on ocean plastic pollution
- Participating in and building projects related to solid waste management in general and plastic in particular
- Research contests for students about plastic pollution, plastic recycling, like "Green residents", "recycling festival", etc.
- Develop relevant modules in the training program of the Natural Resources and Environment Management and the Environmental Engineering.
- Implement and promote research related to plastic recycling and decomposing, bioplastic and relevance







# PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

## **RAP on Private Sector Engagement**

Knowledge

Establishment of platforms to support implementation & innovation

Economic gains

## **RAP on Private Sector Engagement**



Establish a Regional Platform for EPR Knowledge and Implementation Support

Focus: Development of EPR handbook > Implementation of online knowledge sharing platform.



Establish a Regional Platform to Support Innovation and Investments in Plastics and Plastic Waste Management

## **RAP on Private Sector Engagement**

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Establish a Regional Platform to Support Innovation and Investments in Plastics and Plastic Waste Management

Focus: Development/strengthening of regional online platform for networking and collaborating.

#### Private Sector Engagement – Current Practices







## Recommendations from EPR Policy Review Report

- One industry-led, non-profit Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO) is proposed for Malaysia
- Formulation of regulation dedicated to EPR
- Ministry of Housing and Local Government to be lead ministry on proposal
- Implementation of voluntary EPR system
- Incorporate EPR scheme in circular economy roadmap for plastics



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# Recommendation to Strengthen RAP and its Implementation

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Robust coordination, collaboration and commitment among AMSs



Exchange of information, knowledge & best practices among AMSs



Transparent and inclusive oversight mechanism & enforcement efforts

# Recommendations to Strengthen RAP and its Implementation



Establishment of an ASEAN marine debris trust fund



Implementation and evaluation of pilot projects

# Thank You Very Much!