



Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) East Asian Seas framework for action on marine pollution from land

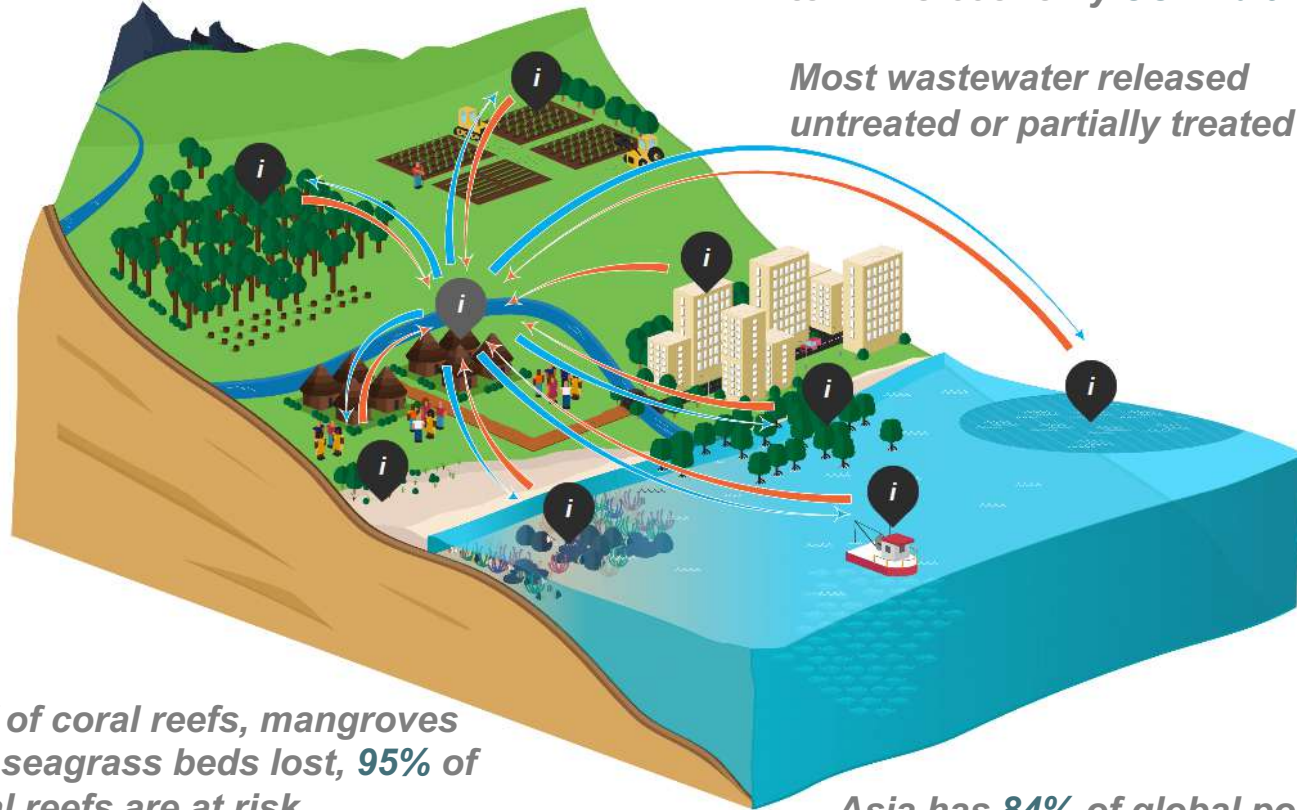
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Clean Seas Solutions to Marine Pollution from Land-based Activities: Collaborative Approach
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Soil and nutrient loss from land pollutes the sea and harms agriculture

Annual damage from marine litter to APEC economy USD 10.8 billion

Most wastewater released untreated or partially treated



Half of coral reefs, mangroves and seagrass beds lost, 95% of coral reefs are at risk

Severe erosion on 1/4 to 1/3 of coastlines

Asia has 84% of global population in fisheries and aquaculture, fish >30% of protein consumption

Marine ecosystems, pollution and economies are transboundary

Land-based activities impact marine health, productivity and development opportunity

Management jurisdiction fragmented across sectors and borders

Ecosystem-based management needs regional approach

protection and sustainable development of marine and coastal areas

Regional Seas

18 Regional Seas
Conventions and Action
Plans, 7 administered by
UNEP

East Asian Seas Action Plan 1994

Action Plan for the
Protection and
Sustainable Development
of the Marine and Coastal
Areas of the East Asian
Seas Region

Countries

Cambodia, China,
Indonesia, Republic of
Korea, Malaysia,
Philippines, Singapore,
Thailand, Vietnam

Governance

Intergovernmental
meeting; Secretariat
hosted by Thailand and
administered by UNEP

COBSEA mandate

East Asian Seas Action Plan

Cooperative regional approaches to transboundary challenges

Strategic Directions 2018-2022

Land-based pollution, incl. nutrients and marine litter
Ecosystem-based planning and management
Effective governance framework

Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter

Land- and sea-based sources
Monitoring and assessment
Enabling conditions, Working Group on ML



Global Frameworks regional cooperation



2030 Development Agenda: Outlook on COBSEA follow-up and review of ocean-related SDGs



Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: COBSEA Webinar series, new Strategic Directions



UNEA resolutions and AHEG: consultation, analysis, readiness; action in line with RAP MALI



Policy dialogue, analysis, capacity building: e.g. MCSP, Nutrients, Blue Economy



Institutional framework, knowledge management: e.g. EAS Node of the GPML; RC3S



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partnership week for marine plastic pollution prevention

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circular
solving plastic pollution at source

UN 
environment
programme

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