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ASEAN Facts and Figures

ASEAN Coastline	173,000 kilometers
Fisheries Production in ASEAN	2000: 17 M mts; 2007: 26 M mts (17% of world production)
Marine Protected Areas in ASEAN (2009)	620 MPAs
Extent of Marine Protected Areas in ASEAN (2007)	87,778 square kms (56% increase compared to 1995)

Source: <http://env.asean.org>

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2009-2015

Section D –

**Priority Areas of Regional Importance
of ASOEN which leads to the creation
of Working Groups.**

D.1. Addressing global environmental issues

D.2. Managing and preventing trans-boundary environmental pollution (trans-boundary haze pollution and trans-boundary movement of hazardous wastes)

D.3. Promoting sustainable development through environmental education and public participation

D.4. Promoting environmentally sound technology

D.5. Promoting quality living standards in ASEAN cities/urban areas

D.6. Harmonizing environmental policies and databases

D.7. Promoting the sustainable use of coastal and marine environment

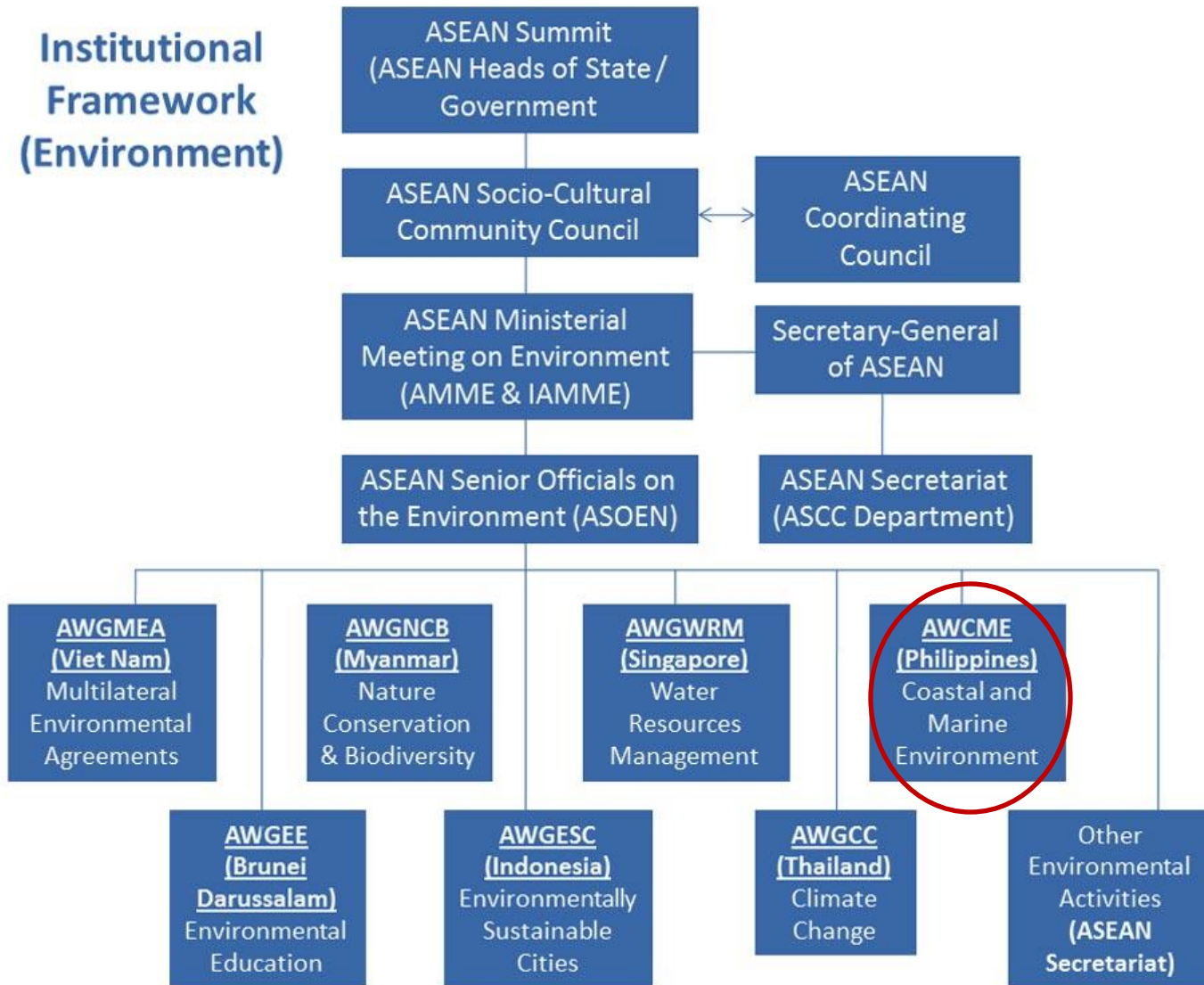
D.8. Promoting sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity

D.9. Promoting the sustainability of freshwater resources

D.10. Responding to climate change and addressing its impacts

D.11. Promoting sustainable forest management

Institutional Framework (Environment)



AWGCME-Strategic Objectives

- **ensure ASEAN's coastal and marine environment are sustainably managed;**
- **representative ecosystems, pristine areas and species are protected;**
- **economic activities are sustainably managed; and**
- **public awareness of the coastal and marine environment instilled.**

AWGCME-GUIDING MANDATE

- **Enhance inter-agency and inter- sectoral coordination at the regional and international levels for achieving sustainable development of ASEAN's coastal and marine environment;**
- **Build capacities to develop national marine water quality standards by 2015 using the ASEAN Marine Water Quality Criteria as a reference;**
- **Establish a representative network of protected areas to conserve critical habitats by 2015 through further implementation of the ASEAN Criteria for Marine Heritage Areas, and ASEAN Criteria for National Protected Areas;**

AWGCME-GUIDING MANDATE

- **Promote conservation and sustainable management of key ecosystems in coastal and marine habitats, such as joint efforts to maintain and protect marine parks in border areas, and the “Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security”;**
- **Enhance the capacity and capability of, as well as economic benefits for the fishery and other coastal community to encourage their active participation in promoting environmental sustainability;**

AWGCME-GUIDING MANDATE

- **Promote the sustainable use of coastal and marine environment through public awareness campaign to highlight the global importance of coastal and marine environment in addressing food security, maintaining ecosystem services, as well as protecting marine environment;**

AWGCME-GUIDING MANDATE

- **Promote collaboration among AMS in responding to trans-boundary pollution due to the oil spill incidents; and**
- **Promote cooperation in addressing pollution of coastal and marine environment from land-based sources.**

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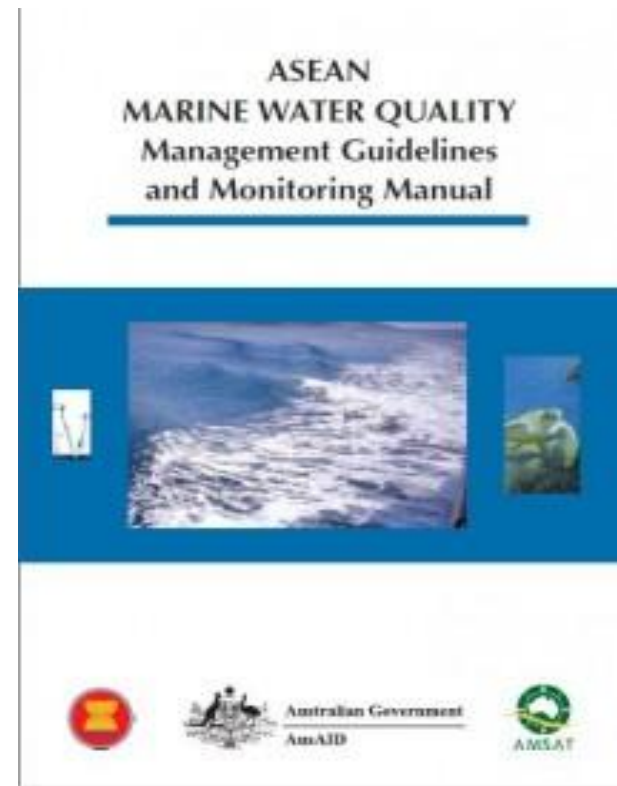
- **Formulate detailed regional action plans for the sustainable development and management of coastal and marine resources including eco-development in coastal and marine environment;**
- **Develop a framework and improve coordination, cooperation and information exchange with ASEAN regional bodies and international organizations for the integrated protection, conservation and management of coastal zones and marine environment;**
- **Develop a regional action plan for the protection of the coastal and marine environment from land and sea based activities;**

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- **Formulate activities to promote public awareness and encourage public participation onwards protecting and conserving the coastal and marine environment resource;**
- **Develop ASEAN common approaches to deal with emerging issues relating to the protection of coastal and marine environment;**
- **Interface and collaborate with other relevant international organizations such as COBSEA in order to enhance implementation of activities under the working group; and**
- **Consider development activities in conjunction with conservation efforts.**

AWGCME-Efforts and Activities

- **Publication of the *ASEAN Marine Water Quality Criteria: Management Guidelines and Monitoring Manual* in 2008**
 - Regional mechanism for collective and harmonized efforts at the national level to sustain the quality of marine waters by providing management guidelines, and building monitoring and analytical capability



AWGCME-Efforts and Activities

- *The ASEAN Environment Ministers adopted the ASEAN Mechanism to Enhance Surveillance against Desludging and Disposal of Tanker Sludge at Sea*
 - The objective of the Mechanism is to ensure coordinated efforts among ASEAN Member States in controlling tanker desludging activities and in promoting proper disposal of the tanker sludge at approved disposal facilities.
 - National Focal Points provided to enable tabletop exercise to test the communication flow in implementing the Mechanism.
 - Plans to conduct a workshop to do a simulation exercise and prepare for the implementation of the Mechanism.

AWGCME-Efforts and Activities

- Development of a concept note on **“Climate Change and ASEAN Coastal Areas: Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation”**
- Development of both offline and online interfaces for encoding of (i) Species and (ii) Protected Areas.
 - With support from ASEAN Center for Biodiversity

AWGCME-Efforts and Activities

- In consultation with the **Blue Solutions project implementation**, a project that offers a global knowledge network and capacity development platform to support country efforts to achieve the marine and coastal Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
- Consults relevant agencies on the proposal entitled **Scaling up the Coverage and Effectiveness of Marine Conservation Areas and Threatened Species Protection in South East and East Asia through Integrated Coastal Management (ICM)** by PEMSEA and ACB

AWGCME UPDATES

- 14th Meeting of the AWGCME
 - 21-22 May 2013
 - Sihanoukville, Cambodia
- Next Meeting:
 - 15th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME)
 - Date: TBC
 - Venue: Indonesia
 - Chairman: Philippines

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