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SEA circular Project Newsletter

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Season's greetings from the entire SEA circular team!

As we conclude 2022, we thank YOU - our friends, partners and stakeholders for another year of successful collaboration to beat plastic pollution.

As we go into 2023, we have some good news. The SEA circular project has been extended until December 2024 with a renewed focus on addressing the plastic pollution and marine litter in South-East Asia and strengthening the capacities of Member States in the region for effective participation in the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) process to End Plastic Pollution.

Please stay tuned! Get involved and **contact us** for more information.



Key Highlights

- **SEA of Solutions 2022 Outcomes - Voices from South-East Asia to end plastic pollution**
- **New interactive assets, tool and resources to end plastic pollution in South-East Asia launched**
- **Regional knowledge platform and networking on marine litter and plastic pollution in East Asian Seas goes live**
- **New law in the Philippines to address plastic pollution**

A Spotlight on Solutions to end plastic pollution in South-East Asia

23-24 November | Virtual Event

Voices from South-East Asia to end plastic pollution

SEA of Solutions 2022 successfully concluded bringing together **stakeholders** in South-East Asia working towards ending plastic pollution around **5 action points**.

With the theme “**A Spotlight on Solutions to End Plastic Pollution**”, SoS highlighted **12 inspiring solutions** from South-East Asia that promote the transition from a linear to a circular plastics– from designing, producing, and consuming products to post-consumer waste management.

The forum was convened by **SEA circular**, an initiative by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the **Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA)** supported by the Government of Sweden. It came at a critical time as 2022 marks a historic year for global action to beat plastic pollution with 175 UN member States agreeing to negotiate an international legally binding instrument by 2024 on ending plastic pollution.

[Here](#) is the SoS 2022 outcomes summary. The full event report is available [here](#).



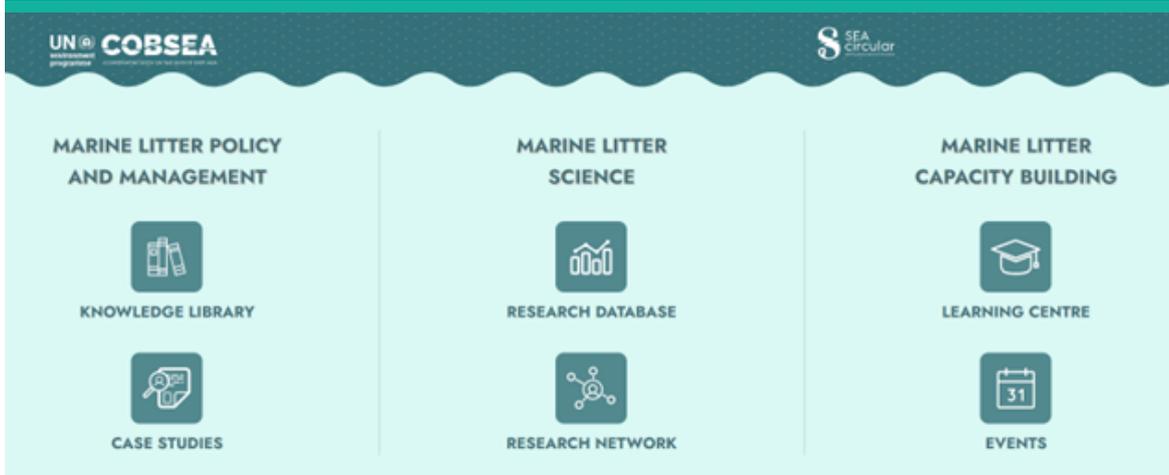
New interactive assets, tool and resources to end plastic pollution in South-East Asia launched

We have produced an interactive compilation of assets based on intensive research, benchmarking, stakeholder dialogues and consultations supported and enabled by the **SEA circular project** and it's

implementing partners.

Built on the learnings of SEA circular's partners, the compendium includes country studies of plastic footprint; market-based solutions showcasing regional good practices; campaign materials that created a social movement through digital marketing campaigns that touched millions of youth; and learning materials to sensitize stakeholders on various aspects of circularity in the plastic value chain.

[Access the Knowledge Compendium here](#)



Regional knowledge platform and networking on marine litter and plastic pollution in East Asian Seas goes live

As part of increasing access to marine litter and plastic pollution knowledge targeted for South-East Asia region, SEA circular project, in partnership with the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML) have launched a regional web based knowledge platform. The web knowledge platform includes a knowledge library with policies, tools, and resources, case studies, the Regional Research Database, and a learning centre with training resources and events. The web platform was developed with support from the Government of Sweden through the [SEA circular project](#).

[Learn more](#)



New law in the Philippines to address plastic pollution

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022 was enacted into law on 23 July 2022. To support the government in its implementation, SEA circular project through our implementing partner WWF-Philippines, held a dialogue to gather the views and recommendations of stakeholders active in the plastic value chain including businesses, government agencies, local government units, the informal waste sector, waste management operators, and academic institutions. The inputs and recommendations gathered will be consolidated into a white paper that will be made available soon.

About SEA circular Project

The SEA circular project – Reducing marine litter by addressing the management of the plastic value chain in South-East Asia is implemented by the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA), with funding support from the Government of Sweden. SEA circular aims to reduce and prevent plastic pollution and its impact by working with governments, businesses, civil society, academia, and international partners. The initiative promotes market-based solutions and enabling policies to transform plastic value-chain management, strengthens the science base for informed decision making, creates outreach and awareness. The project leverages COBSEA's regional mechanism to tackle the transboundary challenge of marine litter in a harmonized manner.

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