1. **Name:**

ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment

1. **Short description:**

The institution responsible for ASEAN cooperation on the environment, has an interest in coastal and marine environments.

1. **Formality:**

Formal. Operates within the ASEAN Secretariat.

1. **Regional coverage:**

Southeast Asia

1. **Members (including states and non-states):**

ASEAN member states.

1. **Includes non-state actors?**

On an ad hoc basis (giving presentations, partnerships, etc.)

1. **Date created:**

1999

1. **Date visibly started to engage with maritime security (e.g. first document that refers to it):**

Unclear

1. **Brief History and Description:**

ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME) aims to ensure ASEANs 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 also functions as a consultative forum to promote coordination and collaboration among various relevant ASEAN and other regional marine-related initiatives to ensure a well-coordinated and integrated approach to the conservation and sustainable management of the coastal and marine environment

1. **Maritime Security Issues Covered:**

Pollution; IUU Fishing

1. **Noteworthy documents and strategies:**

* DENR Administrative Order 2016-26 Guidelines for the Implementation of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program

1. **Meeting Intensity:**

1 meeting a year

1. **Ongoing projects and activities:**

ASEAN Regional Action Plan on Combating Marine Debris comprises four (4) priority areas, namely, (i) Policy Support and Planning; (ii) Research, Innovation, and Capacity Building; (iii) Public Awareness, Education, and Outreach; and (iv) Private Sector Engagement.

ASEAN-Norway Proposal on Regional Capacity Building of Reducing Plastic Pollution

ASEAN CSR Network Proposal on Multi-Stakeholder Partnership to Tackle Marine

Plastic

Japan’s support to combat marine debris

1. **Funding structure:**
2. **Challenges:**

As it takes place within the ASEAN structure, an ongoing challenge is its perception as a talking shop, tied into broader regional limits to cooperation

The Meetings recognised that collective regional actions are still needed to address cross-cutting environmental issues, such as marine debris pollution

1. **Cooperation or link with other arrangements:**

ACB; AMME

1. **Institutional contacts:**
2. **Noteworthy literature**:
3. **Knowledge gaps to follow up on:**