

## 5. SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY (SIDA)

**Summary of role and work:** SIDA is Sweden International Development Agency. SIDA is funding a project to combat marine litter and plastic pollution in Southeast Asia to be implemented by UNEP and COBSEA since 2018.

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### 5.1 Background and aim

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) is Sweden's government agency for development cooperation. It aims to reduce world poverty by allocating resources and knowledge with the goal of making a difference for people in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. To achieve this, SIDA collaborates with actors from civil society and universities, as well as the public and private sector. SIDA's activities are funded through Swedish tax revenue.

### 5.2 Activities and project

SIDA is funding a project to combat marine litter and plastic pollution in SEA that has been implemented by UNEP and COBSEA since 2018 (see [Part 1, Section 4.3.3](#)).

SIDA has also funding the Marine Plastics and Coastal Communities (MARPLASTICCs) project since 2017 under the IUCN Marine and Polar Programme (see [Part 1, Section 6.1.3](#) and <https://www.iucn.org/theme/marine-and-polar/our-work/close-plastic-tap-programme/projects>).