

### 3. THE ASEAN+3 (APT) MARINE PLASTIC DEBRIS COOPERATIVE ACTION INITIATIVE

In parallel to the ASEAN work on the FAMAD, the ASEAN+3 (or APT, see institutional mandate in [Part 1, Section 4.2.1.2](#)), adopted their own Marine Plastics Debris Cooperative Action Initiative in 2018 with the triple aim of:

- Improving management of plastic waste by environmentally sound waste management and 3R (reduce, reuse and recycle);
- Promoting awareness, research and education on marine plastic debris; and
- Strengthening regional and international cooperation.

This Declaration of ASEAN+3 is short and focuses on the development of capacity and cooperation processes. However, it also includes some specific objectives:

- Delivering ASEAN's initiatives and actions to the G20 process spearheaded by Japan;
- Developing the capacity for monitoring of marine plastic debris and introduction of harmonised and standardised methods;
- Leveraging institutions such as the Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA);
- Holding a Special ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Marine Debris in March 2019; and
- Seeking the possibility of establishing a regional knowledge hub on marine plastic debris.