

11.4 The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Summary of role: *The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN agency in charge of the eradication of poverty and reduction of inequalities and exclusion. It focuses on implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*

Summary of recommendations and work status: *UNDP supports activities relating to the protection of the marine environment in Southeast and East Asia through and with PEMSEA. UNDP also partners with local actors to promote awareness about plastics such as in Thailand and Cambodia.*

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11.4.1 Background and aim

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN agency in charge of the eradication of poverty and reduction of inequalities and exclusion. It focuses on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which set out the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDG relevant to marine plastics is SDG 14 in the context of pollution of the marine environment.

11.4.2 Ongoing work

UNDP also contributes to UN work on waste management to prevent marine litter. Along with UNEP, UNDP has been involved in the protection of the marine environment in Southeast Asia for decades, including through and with the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA).

UNDP has partnered with local actors to promote awareness about plastics, for example in Thailand and Cambodia. See: <https://www.asia-pacific.undp.org/content/rbap/en/home>

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