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PARTNERS

Partners include those organisations or on-going projects which are undertaking activities related to sustainable management of peatlands in the region. They contribute by:

- Assisting in the implementation of appropriate components of the APMI
- Exchanging experience and lessons learned from their activities
- Inviting participation of countries and institutions in the ASEAN region in their activities as appropriate

1. UNDP-GEF Peat swamp project, Malaysia
2. Wetlands International (WI)
3. Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC)

SUPPORTERS

Supporters include donors, research or educational institutions or the media. They assist by:

- Providing funds or technical guidance
- Promoting the Initiative and providing other support

Current major supporters include:

- CIDA - Climate Change, Forest and Peatlands in Indonesia (CIDA-CCFPI)
- UNEP-Global Environment Facility (UNEP-GEF)

ASEAN welcomes additional partners and supporters to be involved in the Initiative.

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ASEAN PEATLAND MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE



Sustainable Management of Peatlands: Wise Use, Prevention of Fires & Rehabilitation

A Contribution to the Implementation
of the ASEAN Agreement on
Transboundary Haze Pollution & the
ASEAN Regional Haze Action Plan

Founding
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Southeast Asia has more than 25 million ha of peatland, comprising 60% of the global tropical peatland resource. These peatlands have significant importance for development, livelihood and the environment. Drainage and unsustainable management practices degrade peatlands and make them vulnerable to fire. Peatland fires are now major problems of regional and global significance that require regional action. This has negatively impacted human health, food production and biodiversity as well as contributed to global climate change.

At the 9th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Haze (AMMH) on 11 June 2002 the Ministers urged action to be taken for fire prevention and control in peatlands. As a result, the ASEAN Peatland Management Initiative (APMI) was developed with various partners and adopted by the ASOEN-Haze Technical Task Force (HTTF) in February 2003.

GOALS

To promote sustainable management of peatlands in the ASEAN region through collective actions and enhanced cooperation to support and sustain local livelihoods, reduce risk of fire and associated regional haze and contribute to global environmental management.

OUTPUTS

- Operational mechanism for cooperation and exchange among ASEAN member countries to address peatland management, fire and associated haze
- An ASEAN strategy and national action plans on sustainable peatland management
- Demonstration sites for peatland rehabilitation, fire prevention, water management and community participation
- Enhanced capacity of stakeholders related to peatland management, fire prevention and control
- An ASEAN peat fire hazard risk assessment and fire monitoring mechanism

OUTCOME

- Reduction in incidence of peatland fires and associated transboundary haze and improved health and productivity of affected communities
- Improved protection and sustainable use of water and biological resources in peatlands
- Enhanced socio-economic well being of local communities living in and around peatlands
- Reduction in green house gas emissions from peatlands and reduced vulnerability to global climate change

Management & Implementation Mechanism

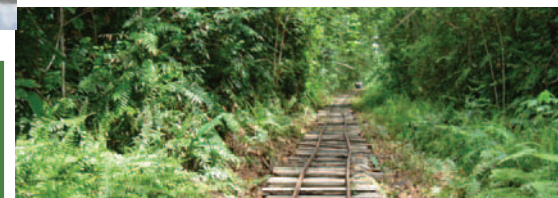
ASOEN-Haze Technical Task Force (HTTF)

The ASOEN-HTTF provides oversight and policy guidance to the Initiative. The current HTTF Focal Points will coordinate activities at the national level together with other agencies as appropriate.

ASEAN Member Countries

ASEAN member countries will implement the APMI by:

- Making available information and experiences on peatland management
- Preparation and implementation of action plans for sustainable management and fire prevention in peatlands at national and local levels
- Making available national experts to assist in regional activities
- For countries with significant peatlands, establishing at least one pilot project site to test new approaches to peatland management
- Providing technical or financial support for regional or country activities according to their ability

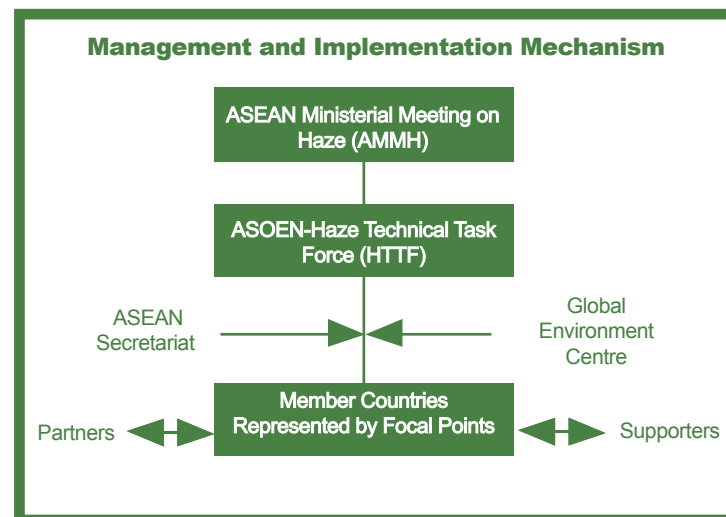


WHO IS IT FOR?

All ASEAN member countries, particularly those that have significant peatland resources or affected by transboundary haze.

OBJECTIVES

- To enhance understanding and build capacity on peatland management issues in the region
- To reduce the incidence of peatland fires and associated haze
- To support national and local level implementation activities on peatland management and fire prevention
- To develop a regional strategy and cooperation mechanisms to promote sustainable peatland management



ASEAN Secretariat & Global Environment Centre (GEC)

The ASEAN Secretariat supports the formal coordination amongst the participating countries and facilitates the main regional activities and meetings. The GEC and other partners provide technical and operational support to the APMI and assist in generating resources to support for activities.

