

# Bago Kyat Khat Wine monastery

Work to improve the waste management situation at the Kyat Khat Wine monastery in Bago City started in December 2020. The monastery, **centrally located** next to the Bago River, is a large monastery and residence to several hundred monks. The site is the first **river viewpoint** in Bago city to be developed. After consultation with an advisory body - the **Bago Waste Group** - it was decided to develop a **model pilot site** for waste management at this monastery and the adjacent river site.

## Factsheet II

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### About the project

The Bago Waste project (2020-2022) aims to build capacity in Myanmar to tackle (plastic) waste pollution from domestic and small-scale industrial sources and is linked to the bilateral Myanmar-Norway Environmental Programme (2019-2023).

The project is funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Yangon and led by NIVA. Partners include MONRFEC, Bago Region Government, BCDC, Bago Municipal department, MJT and Justice for All.

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### PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT



All relevant Bago authorities and non-governmental stakeholders, including the monastery administration, and municipal development formed a sub-group to consult and assess the situation. Subsequently, issues and opportunities for a change in practice were identified and activities planned.

### ACTIVITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Following the planning stage, monastery, public and other stakeholders were informed through flyers and direct interaction about activities. The riverside area was then cleaned, together with neighborhood groups, monastery and MJT. Segregated waste will be collected from the monastery regularly, and the public space around the site rejuvenated for community use. Equipment and facilities such as garbage bags and bins are distributed to the

### CHANGE IN PRACTICE



Regular monitoring, participation of monastery and neighbourhood, awareness raising activities and collection of segregated waste ensures the sustainability of the model site. In addition, restoration and erosion reduction activities, as well as a playground and public facilities were provided in a joint effort between NIVA, MJT, as well as local and union authorities. The Bago Waste project will continue to build on the collaboration with the Monastery in future to improve waste management and reduce plastic pollution.