

1. Background

Northwest Pacific Region Environmental Cooperation Center (NPEC), host organization of CEARAC, established “Northwest Pacific Regional Node of the Global Partnership on Marine litter” with NOWPAP RCU using budgetary support from the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA) in 2014. The objectives of this regional node are (1) to enhance awareness of marine litter prevention actions at the national, local and grass-root levels, (2) to strengthen information exchange on best practices and measures for prevention of marine litter input among the NOWPAP member states and beyond, through Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML), (3) to enhance knowledge of GPML among local governments, NGOs/NPOs and local people in the NOWPAP countries. However, the contents of the regional node are limited. Therefore, CEARAC applied for another financial support of GPA in order to add new contents on micro plastics and prevention of marine litter input conducted by various stakeholders. Adding new information on the situation in Japan will be finished by March 2016.

2. CEARAC marine litter activities in the 2016-2017 biennium

➤ Enhancing the Northwest Pacific Regional Node

Objective:

Objective of this activity is to add information on the other NOWPAP member states (China, Korea and Russia) to the Northwest Pacific Regional Node.

Main Tasks:

1. Collecting information on prevention of marine litter input by central and local government in China, Korea and Russia
2. Updating the collected information to the regional node

Schedule:

| Time | | Actions | Main body |
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| 2016 | Q1-Q3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracting with ML FPs or nominated experts • Collecting information | Marine Litter FPs or nominated experts CEARAC Secretariat |
| | Q4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitting collected information to CEARAC Secretariat | ML FPs or experts |
| 2017 | Q1-Q3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uploading the collected information to regional node | CEARAC Secretariat |

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| | Q3 | NOWPAP ICC • Review the updated information by ML FPs and other RACs | ML FPs, RACs and RCU |
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Budget: US\$6,000 for MoU with Marine Litter Focal Points or nominated experts (US\$2,000/each state)

Deadline: December 2017

Output: Updated website contents of the Northwest Pacific Regional Node

➤ **Compiling and harmonizing the marine litter monitoring data on beaches and submitting the collected data to DINRAC**

Same as the past biennium, CEARAC will compile and harmonize the marine litter monitoring data collected by each member state and submit to DINRAC. This work is continued in the 2016-2017 biennium with cooperation of member states. The results of monitoring are downloadable through DINRAC website.

Budget: In-kind

Duration: 2016-2017

Output: NOWPAP marine litter monitoring data