

Annex IV
ANNOTATED AGENDA

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Background leading to this meeting

The Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region (NOWPAP) and three Resolutions were adopted at the First Intergovernmental Meeting (Seoul, 14 September 1994: UNEP (OCA)/NOWPAP/IG.1/5). Resolution 1 identified five areas of priority for implementation of the Action Plan, one of which was NOWPAP/3: Establishment of a collaborative, regional monitoring programme.

Following the decision of the 3rd Intergovernmental Meeting, the responsibility for NOWPAP/3 (Regional Monitoring Programme) was jointly shared by the Special Monitoring and Coastal Environmental Assessment Regional Activity Center (CEARAC) and the Pollution Monitoring Regional Activity Center (POMRAC) to carry out regional activities.

Following the results of discussions at the First NOWPAP/3 Meeting (Beijing, China, 21-22 May 2001), the 7th Intergovernmental Meeting (Vladivostok, 20-22 March 2002) approved the resolution 3 Para.6, “the demarcation of the responsibilities and activities between CEARAC and POMRAC as presented by the Secretariat in document UNEP/NOWPAP IG.7/8”. Subsequently CEARAC was allocated with the responsibility to implement activities related to Working Group 3(WG3): HAB including red tides and Working Group 4 (WG4): Remote Sensing of Marine Environment.

At the NOWPAP CEARAC First Focal Points Meeting (Toyama, Japan, 25-28 February 2003), the Remote Sensing subgroup agreed that WG4 needed to focus on the following issues:

1. To evaluate the feasibility of monitoring present and future phenomena of environmental concern by remote sensing based on the consideration of the operational status in each country; and
2. To propose a monitoring plan by remote sensing based on the evaluation in 1).

In the First NOWPAP WG4 Meeting (Vladivostok, Russian Federation, 1-3 December 2003), CEARAC proposed that 'Eutrophication' and 'Oil spill' should be the targets of marine environmental monitoring by RS for the time being due to the fact that both of them are common environmental issues in NOWPAP region and both are expected targets of RS applications. The First NOWPAP WG4 Meeting agreed the WG4 would focus on eutrophication and oil spill. CEARAC proposed a 'Plan of Work for the NOWPAP WG4'. After a productive discussion, the First WG4 Meeting agreed on the 'Plan of Work for the NOWPAP WG4'.

The Second Focal Point Meeting (Toyama, Japan, 15-17 March 2004) adopted the TOR for NOWPAP WG4. The meeting also reviewed a short-term workplan and a long-term workplan for NOWPAP WG4.

The Second NOWPAP WG4 Meeting will review the draft National Reports, finalize the Guidelines for National Report and discuss the way to harmonize them for integrated report. The Meeting will also review the CEARAC activities on development of remote sensing information network system.

Agenda Item 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 9:00 am at China National Environmental Monitoring Center (CNEMC), on 14th October 2004 by the Director of CEARAC, Mr. Masanobu Miyazaki. Representative of the participating members will be invited to make opening statement if they wish.

Agenda Item 2. Organization of the meeting

2.1 Election of two co-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur

The meeting will be invited to elect two Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

2.2 Rules of procedure

The meeting will adopt its rules of procedures. It is suggested that, for purposes of this meeting, the rule used be those of the Governing Council of UNEP, adjusted as appropriate to suit the nature of the meeting.

English will be the working language of the meeting. NOWPAP CEARAC as the Secretariat of the meeting will present a provisional list of documents.

Agenda Item 3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda (NOWPAP/CEARAC/WG4 2/1) will be introduced by CEARAC with the Annotated Provisional Agenda (NOWPAP/CEARAC/WG4 2/2). The meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the agenda.

Agenda Item 4. Overview of the WG4 activities and budgets for 2004/2005

The CEARAC Secretariat will explain overview of CEARC activities for 2002/2003 and planned activities for 2004/2005 in accordance with the workplan and budget.

Agenda Item 5. Review on the preparation of National Reports

5.1 Report on the draft National Report 2004

The following experts will be invited to make a presentation.

Dr. Chenghu ZHOU (China)

Mr. Ichio ASANUMA (JAPAN)

Dr. Young-Sang SUH (Korea)

Dr. Leonid MITNIK (Russia)

5.2 Review and agreement of the Guidelines for National Report

The Meeting will review the Guidelines for National Report, discuss the adequacy of the Guidelines, and finalize the Guidelines.

Agenda Item 6. Review on the development of remote sensing information network system

6.1 Development of the portal site on remote sensing

The Secretariat will report the current progresses of CEARAC activities on development of the portal site on remote sensing.

6.2 Development of the website on remote sensing for oil spill monitoring

Dr. Mitnik, Russian expert, will report the current progresses of CEARAC activities on development of the website on remote sensing for oil spill monitoring.

Agenda Item 7. IOC/WESTPAC Ocean Remote Sensing Program, Present status of New Generation Sea Surface Temperature Project, and their relation to the NOWPAP activities

Dr. Kawamura will present on this item and then participants will be invited to discuss relevant issues.

Agenda Item 8. Discussion about the contents of Integrated Report.

The Meeting will discuss the way to harmonize National Reports towards the integrated report.

Agenda Item 9. Others

The meeting will be invited to raise any other issues relevant to WG4 activities.

Agenda Item 10. Adoption of the report of the meeting

A draft report of the meeting will be prepared by the Rapporteur for consideration and adoption.

Agenda Item 11. Closure of the meeting

The meeting will be closed by the Chairperson.