

1. Background

The 16th NOWPAP IGM (20-22 December 2011, Beijing, China) approved the workplan and budget of NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on marine litter for the 2012-2013 biennium with the budget US\$40,000. CEARAC was allocated US\$3,000 and will conduct the following three activities in this biennium.

2. CEARAC marine litter activities

➤ Compiling information on government measures and best practices for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources in the NOWPAP member states*

*This activity started in 2011 as one of the CEARAC marine litter activities for CEARAC for the 2010-2011 biennium, and it was approved to continue the activity in 2012 at the 16th NOWPAP IGM.

Objective:

The sources of drifted marine litter are predominantly land based. Thus, effective countermeasures for preventing land-based marine litter input are needed to reduce the volume of marine litter input to the NOWPAP sea area. To understand the situation on existing government measures for preventing marine litter input and the situation on cooperation among central and local governments and other entities is quite useful for improving the current situation in the NOWPAP region. Objective of this activity is to collect and summarize such best practices and publish a regional report.

Main Tasks:

1. Collecting information on government measures for preventing marine litter input by each NOWPAP member state
2. Collecting information on cooperation among central and local governments and other entities in each member state
3. Collecting information on best practices for preventing marine litter input from land by local governments and other entities
4. Preparing a regional report on best practices for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources

Schedule:

Task 1, 2 and 3 have already finished by experts who nominated by Marine Litter Focal

Points (ML FPs) by February 2012. CEARAC Secretariat will summarize the collected information and will prepare the draft report to be reviewed by ML FPs at the Working Group Meeting which will be held back-to-back with NOWPAP ICC in autumn 2012. CEARAC will revise the draft report based on the comments of ML FPs. The report will be finalized by the end of 2012 after checking by NOWPAP National FPs.

The proposed schedule is as follows.

Time		Actions	Main body
(2011) 2012	Q1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting information on government measures for preventing marine litter input by each NOWPAP member state • Collecting information on cooperation among central and local governments and other entities in each member state • Collecting information on best practices for preventing marine litter input from land by local governments and other entities 	National Experts
2012	Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing a draft regional report on best practices for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources 	CEARAC
	Q3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the draft regional report at the marine litter Working Group Meeting 	Marine litter FPs and National FPs
	Q4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalizing and publishing the regional report 	CEARAC

Draft Contents of the Regional Report

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status of marine litter in the NOWPAP region 2. Measures and polices for preventing marine litter input by central government 3. Cooperation among central and local governments and other entities for preventing marine litter 4. Best Practices for preventing marine litter input by local governments and other entities 5. Recommendation for preventing marine litter input from land-based sources in the NOWPAP region |
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Budget: US\$3,000 for printing the regional report

(Besides US\$3,000, US\$6,000 was spent from the 2010-2011 budget for collecting information in each member state by experts)

Deadline: December 2012

Output: Regional Report

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

Same as the 2010-2011 biennium, CEARAC will compile and harmonize the marine litter monitoring data in 2011 and 2012 collected by each member state and submit them to DINRAC in the 2012-2013 biennium. The data will be available on DINRAC website.

Budget: In-kind

Duration: 2012-2013

Output: NOWPAP marine litter monitoring data

➤ **Continuing sharing information on the current status of marine litter in the NOWPAP region**

Using the latest marine litter monitoring data provided from each member state, CEARAC will update CEARAC marine litter website and pamphlet in order to disseminate the current situation in the NOWPAP region.

Budget: in-kind

Duration: 2012-2013

Outputs: Updated CEARAC website and a revised pamphlet

