

1. Background

Prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources is of important measures for solving marine litter problem. Therefore, CEARAC published “Regional report on measures and best practices for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources in the NOWPAP region” and pamphlet “Best practices for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources in the NOWPAP region” in 4 NOWPAP member state languages and English. To promote prevention measures in each member state, CEARAC proposed new activity “Developing a report of case studies on basin-wide collaborative actions for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources in Japan” for the 2014-2015 biennium.

At the NOWPAP Marine Litter Working Meeting (26 October, Okinawa, Japan), workplan and budget of NOWPAP marine litter activities for the 2014-2015 biennium were discussed. CEARAC proposed a new activity. The 18th NOWPAP IGM (December 2013, Toyama, Japan) approved the workplan and budget of NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on marine litter for the 2014-2015 biennium with the budget US\$70,000. CEARAC was allocated US\$6,000 and will conduct the following activities in this biennium.

2. CEARAC marine litter activities

- **Developing a report of case studies on basin-wide collaborative actions for prevention of marine litter input from land-bases sources in Japan.**

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 provide useful information to the NOWPAP member states, CEARAC published “Regional report on measures and best practices for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources in the NOWPAP region” in 2013. To share such countermeasures among member state contribute to resolving marine litter issue in the NOWPAP region. From such point of view, in the 2014-2015 biennium, CEARAC plans to publish a report of case studies on basin-wide collaborative actions for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources in Japan.

Main Tasks:

1. Collecting information on basin-wide collaborative actions for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources, implemented at Oyabe-River river basin in Toyama, Japan

2. Preparing a report on case studies on basin-wide collaborative actions

Schedule:

Time		Actions	Main body
2014	Q2- Q3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting information on case studies in Toyama Prefecture Summarizing case studies into a report Preparing the first draft of a report 	CEARAC Secretariat
	Q4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the draft 	Marine litter FPs and National FPs
2014	Q1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of a report in digital format 	CEARAC Secretariat

Draft Contents of the Regional Report

1. Background
2. Status of marine litter in Oyabe-River river basin
3. Best Practices for preventing marine litter by entities in downstream and upstream area
4. Basin-wide collaboration in river basin

Budget: US\$6,000 for printing the regional report, including English checked by native speaker

Deadline: March 2015

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 collected by each member state and submit to DINRAC. This work is continued in the 2014-2015 biennium with cooperation of member states. The results of monitoring is downloadable through DINRAC website.

Budget: In-kind

Duration: 2014-2015

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 website on NOWPAP National Monitoring Survey of Marine Litter. The information is disseminated through “Northwest Pacific Regional Node”, established in 2014 collaborated with UNEP Global Programme of Action for Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, NOWPAP RCU and Northwest Pacific Regional Environmental Cooperation Center.

Budget: in-kind

Duration: 2014-2015

Outputs: Updated website

