

1. Background

Prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources is one 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 a pamphlet, “Best practices for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources in the NOWPAP region”, in the four NOWPAP member state languages and English. To promote prevention measures in each member state, CEARAC proposed a 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 2013, Okinawa, Japan), workplan and budget of NOWPAP marine litter activities for the 2014-2015 biennium were discussed. 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 is allocated US\$6,000 and conducts 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-based 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. 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 the river basin of Oyabe-River in Toyama, Japan
2. Preparing a report of case studies on basin-wide collaborative actions for prevention of marine litter input from land-based sources in Japan

3. Publishing a report

Schedule:

Time		Actions	Main body
2015	Q1- 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
	Q3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing the first draft by Toyama Prefectural Government 	CEARAC Secretariat and Toyama Pref. Gov.
	Sep.	NOWPAP ICC in Yantai, China <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing the first draft 	Marine litter FPs
	Q4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing and refining the draft report by NOWPAP National FPs Publication of a report 	NOWPAP National FPs CEARAC Secretariat

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

Deadline: December 2015

Output: Report

➤ **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 2014-2015 biennium with cooperation of the member states. The results of monitoring are downloadable through DINRAC website.

Budget: In-kind

Duration: 2014-2015

Output: NOWPAP marine litter monitoring data

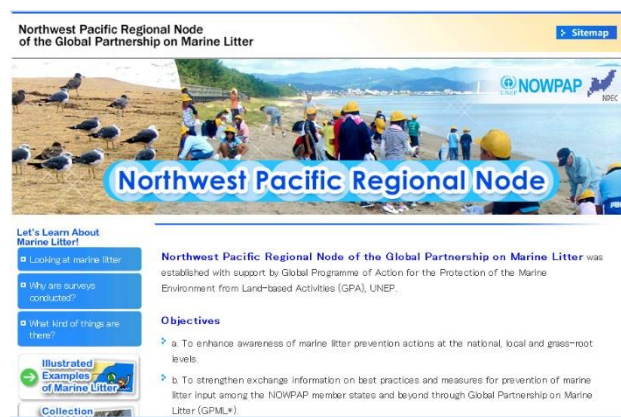
➤ **Continuing information sharing on the current status of marine litter in the NOWPAP region**

“Northwest Pacific Regional Node” was established in 2014, collaborated with Global Programme of Action for Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), NOWPAP RCU and Northwest Pacific Regional Environmental Cooperation Center. Aim of this regional node is to share information on prevention of marine litter among the member states, local governments and NGOs/NPOs. In 2015, CEARAC applied for budgetary support of GPA for enhancing the contents of Northwest Pacific Regional Node, and it was approved. Using the budgetary support from GPA, CEARAC will add new contents on micro plastics and enhance information on prevention of marine litter input implemented by the Japanese central government, local governments and NGOs/NPOs.

Budget: US\$13,000

Duration: 2015

Outputs: Updated website



Northwest Pacific Regional Node

(http://www.npec.or.jp/NWPacific_node/)