

Proposal for collecting information on actions and best practices on plastic litter in the NOWPAP region

1. Background

In the 2020-2021 biennium, NOWPAP member states update the NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP MALI) which was developed in 2006. The main objective of the update is to add new issues on marine microplastics and plastic litter that become serious issues rapidly in the world.

At the G20 Osaka Summit held on 28-29 June 2019, Japan proposed the Osaka Blue Ocean Vision that aims to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050 through a comprehensive life-cycle approach. Participating countries supported this proposal. Ministry of the Environment, Japan published “G20 Report on Actions against Marine Plastic Litter” in 2020. The report includes information on national actions and action plan of international organizations and NGOs. However, information of China and Russia is not included in the report. In addition, not only the governments of the NOWPAP member states but also private sectors have enhanced actions for prevention of plastic litter.

It is expected to strengthen actions for prevention of marine microplastics and marine plastic litter in the NOWPAP region and to share information among member states in the near future.

2. Objective

Objective of this activity is to collect information on actions and best practices on plastic litter by governments and private sectors for prevention of marine plastic litter in each NOWPAP member state.

3. Tasks

3.1 Collecting information on actions and best practices on plastic litter for prevention of marine plastic litter by governments and private sectors

The experts who are nominated by NOWPAP RAP MALI FPs collect information on actions and best practices on plastic litter for prevention of marine plastic litter conducted by central/local governments and private sectors.

The collected information should include not only national laws/policies/strategies but also efforts by local governments and private sectors.

3.2 Publication of a summary report on actions and best practices on plastic litter for prevention of marine plastic litter in the NOWPAP region

The collected information will be summarized as a summary report in the digital format. The report will be uploaded in CEARAC website and the Northwest Pacific Regional Node.

4. Expected outputs

It is expected that this activity can contribute to the OSAKA Blue Ocean Vision and Sustainable Development Goals.

5. Budget

Tasks	Budget (USD)
- Collecting information in each member state	6,000 (2,000USD for China, Korea and Russia)
- Publication of a summary report including English check	3,250
Total	9,250

6. Schedule

Year	Tasks	Main Body
2021	Sep. RAP MALI FPM Approval of the draft workplan	RAP MALI FPs, RCU and RACs
	Winter 24 th NOWPAP IGM Approval of Workplan	NOWPAP National FPs
2022	Q2-Q4 Collecting information by the nominated experts	Experts and CEARAC Secretariat
2023	Publication of a summary report	CEARAC Secretariat