Briefing of the activity on trial application of the screening procedure of the NOWPAP Common Procedure for eutrophication assessment

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Eutrophication as a threat in the Northwest Pacific



Spreading dead zones





Giant jelly fish



Green tide



Red tide

Hypoxia

1. Background



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Refinement of the NOWPAP Common Procedure

Expert Meeting on Marine Biodiversity and Eutrophication in the Northwest Pacific Region (5-6 August 2013)



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Application of the NOWPAP Common Procedure for eutrophication assessment in selected sea areas in the NOWPAP region

2013.....

2014

1. Background



2012-2013

2014-2015

2. Objective

 To encourage autonomous use of the NOWPAP Common Procedure by the member states by applying the Screening Procedure of the refined NOWPAP Common Procedure to the entire NOWPAP sea area in order to identify potential eutrophic zones as well as to verify the suitability of the Screening Procedure

3. Main tasks

• 3.1.1 Collection and analysis of COD (or TOC) Trend

Country	Years	Stations
China	2005 – 2012	7
Japan	1970s - 2013	333
Korea	1998 – 2013	10
Russia	2010-2014	2







Locations of COD sampling stations in China, Korea and Japan

3. Main tasks

• 3.1.2 Collection of data and mapping of occurrences of red tides and hypoxia

Number of redtide events and fish kills

Country	Number of red tide events	Number of hypoxia events
China	41	4
Japan	453	1345
Korea	99	33
Russia	8	7

3. Main tasks

 3.1.3 Development of satellite map of chlorophyll-a concentration



A satellite map to preliminary assessment of eutrophication was developed base on a long term consistent data set

3.2 Mapping potential eutrophic zones in the NOWPAP region









http://ocean.nowpap3.go.jp/WebGIS/

4. Achievements until 2017

- Potential eutrophic zones in the NOWPAP region were identified and visualized on a map.
- A web GIS map was constructed on the Marine Environmental Watch Project

For general discussion

Problems of the developed map



Case #1

- Increasing COD trend
- 4 incidents of red tide in recent three years
- No satellite derived Chl-a information available



Problems of the developed map



Case #3 in Korean coastal areas

Non eutrophic?

Case #2 in Dalian Bay and Sishili Bay in China

- 8 red tide incidents and high increasing satellite Chl-a in Dalian Bay
- Increasing COD and 4 red tide incidents in Sishili Bay

Potentially Eutrophic?

Suggestion for improvement

Tighten the criteria may be necessary?

COD	D Red tide and Hypoxia		Satellite Ch⊢a	Current result	Refined result
1	1	1	1	Eutrophic	Eutrophic
1	1	0	1	Eutrophic	Eutrophic
1	0	1	1	Eutrophic	Eutrophic
1	0	0	1	Potentia Ily Eutrophic	Potentia Ily Eutrophic
1	1	1	0	Potentia Ily Eutrophic	Eutrophic
1	1	0	0	Potentia Ily Eutrophic	Potentia Ily Eutrophic
1	0	1	0	Potentia Ily Eutrophic	Potentia Ily Eutrophic
1	0	0	0	Non Eutrophic	N on Eutrophic
1	1	1	n/a	Potentia Ily Eutrophic	Eutrophic
1	1	0	n/a	Potentia Ily Eutrophic	Eutrophic
1	0	1	n/a	Potentia Ily Eutrophic	Eutrophic
1	0	0	n/a	Non Eutrophic	Non Eutrophic
0	1	1	n/a	Non Eutrophic	Non Eutrophic
0	1	0	n/a	Non Eutrophic	Non Eutrophic
0	0	1	n/a	Non Eutrophic	Non Eutrophic
0	0	0	n/a	Non Eutrophic	Non Eutrophic
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0	1	1	0	N on Eutrophic	N on Eutroph ic
0	1	0	0	Non Eutrophic	Non Eutrophic
0	0	1	0	Non Eutrophic	Non Eutrophic
0	0	0	0	Non Eutrophic	Non Eutrophic

1. Increasing COD, more than 1 event of red tide or hypoxia, and HN or HI of satellite ChI-a 0. Decreasing COD or No trend, no red tide or hypoxia event, and HN or HI satellite ChI-a, or n/a. No satellite ChI-a dat/

Refinement of the NOWPAP Common Procedure

- Revising criteria to determine potential eutrophic zones?
- Revising parameters in the screening procedure
 - COD Trend
 - Frequency of red tide and hypoxia events
 - Level and trend of satellite Chl-a

Assessment criteria to detect potential eutrophic zones

Four categories of the assessment results of the eutrophication status Defined by the screening procedure of the NOWPAP Common Procedure

•	Eutrophic area All parameters among COD, frequencies of red tides and hypoxia events and satellite chlorophyll-a indicate symptoms of eutrophication.
O	Potential eutrophic area More than two parameters among COD, frequencies of red tides and hypoxia events and satellite chlorophyll- <i>a</i> indicate symptoms of eutrophication.
Ö	Non eutrophic area Only one parameter among COD, frequencies of red tides and hypoxia events or satellite chlorophyll- <i>a</i> indicates symptoms of eutrophication. Or, neither of these parameters indicates symptoms of eutrophication.
\bigcirc	Improved area. COD or frequencies of red tide and hypoxia events indicate the eutrophic status has improved

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Next steps to consider

 How do we compare/collaborate with national monitoring and assessment programs?

 How often should we carry our regular assessment of eutrophication in NOWPAP

 Should we update satellite derived chl-a map on annual basis?