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Workplan and Budget for POMRAC in 2020-2021 biennium

1. Introduction

The overall goal of POMRAC is the coordination of activities and establishment of regional cooperation in monitoring of marine and coastal environment of the Northwest Pacific region within the UNEP NOWPAP framework. Following the results of discussions at the First NOWPAP/3 Coordinating Committee Meeting (Beijing, 21-22 May 2001), the 7th Intergovernmental Meeting (Vladivostok, 20-22 March 2002) shared the responsibilities and activities between CEARAC and POMRAC as presented in document UNEP/NOWPAP IG.7/8. POMRAC is fully responsible for two working groups: WG 1 - Atmospheric Deposition of contaminants into the marine and coastal environment; and WG 2 – River and Direct Inputs of contaminants into the marine and coastal environment.

From 2007, POMRAC has started practical implementation of activities related to integrated coastal area planning and integrated coastal area management. These activities were implemented in close collaboration with all NOWPAP RACs and with the UNEP/GPA and under coordination of RCU.

In 2017 22nd NOWPAP IGM adopted NOWPAP Medium-term Strategy, 2018-2023.

The MTS 2018-2023 Vision is: a resilient Northwest Pacific marine and coastal environment , supporting sustainable development for the long-term benefit of present and future generations.

NOWPAP strategic focus and priority areas for the period of 2018-2023 are as follows:

1. Support integrated coastal and river basin management;
2. Assess status of the marine and coastal environment;
3. Prevent and reduce land- and sea-based pollution;
4. Conserve marine and coastal biodiversity.

POMRAC will work first of all in framework of 1 and 2 priority areas NOWPAP MTS. Outcomes/ Expected Accomplishments on 2020-2021 for priority area “a” are as follows:

- Adoption of indicators for Ecological Quality Objectives (EcoQOs) (POMRAC supported by all other RACs on specific indicators)
- “Good environmental status” of the NOWPAP is defined and provides a baseline and direction for member states action;

Outcomes/ Expected Accomplishments on 2020-2021 for priority area “b” are as follows:

- NOWPAP member states are provided with integrated periodic assessments of state of marine and coastal environment and its individual components, including (but not limited to) biodiversity, chemical and biological pollution, harmful algal blooms, marine litter, oil and HNS threats, and climate change impacts to inform and foster policy action;
- NOWPAP member states, through the NOWPAP Data and Knowledge Management Portal, have free and user-friendly access to data and reliable information on coastal and marine environment collected from members, NOWPAP RACs, other institutions and projects;
- New and emerging environmental issues, including climate change impacts on socio-ecological systems in the NOWPAP region, are identified and addressed by member states, as appropriate.

POMRAC Workplan and Budget for 2020 - 2021 Biennium

Taking into account the abovementioned responsibilities and activities, POMRAC in 2020-2021 should focus on the following issues:

- Joint Activity for WG1, WG2 and ICARM WG in the cooperation with RACs, RCU and relevant organizations (OSPAR, PEMSEA, PICES, WESTPAC, YSLME and others): “Development of NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned (where possible) with SDG indicators, phase 2” and a joint regional POMRAC-CEARAC workshop (Priority area of MTS a and b)
- Activity for WG2 “Microplastics abundance in river runoff and coastal waters of the

NOWPAP region with a case study in the Russian coastal waters”. (Priority area of MTS b)

- Joint Activity for WG1, WG2 and ICARM WG with cooperation with RACs: the preparation of SOMER-3 – The integrated assessment of environmental problems, status and trends related to existing and changing natural and socio-economical conditions in the NOWPAP region with Workshop in the second half 2020 for the final discussion and approval of SOMER-3 contents and structure (Priority area of MTS a)

The following POMRAC activities are suggested for the 2020-2021 biennium:

- To organize the 17th and 18th Focal Points Meetings;
- Development of NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned (where possible) with SDG indicators, phase 2”);
- To organize Regional Workshop “Development of NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned (where possible) with SDG indicators, phase 2)” (in cooperation with RCU, RACs and other relevant organizations);
- To organize Regional Workshop in 2020 for the final discussion and approval of SOMER-3 contents and structure (in cooperation with RCU, RACs and other relevant organizations);
- Preparation of SOMER-3: The integrated assessment of environmental problems, status and trends related to existing and changing natural and socio-economical conditions in the NOWPAP region
- Development of Regional Report: “Microplastics abundance in river runoff and coastal waters of the NOWPAP region”

The budget for these activities has been discussed and adopted at the 16th POMRAC FPM in Beijing in October 2019, and approved by National Focal Points by correspondence in April 2020.

Table 1. Budget 2020-2021 from Trust fund of NOWPAP

Budget	USD
Results/Outputs	Total Cost
Activity 1 • Development of NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned (where possible) with SDG indicators, phase 2”);	
Preparation national inputs for RO	16,000
Compilation of National Inputs and preparation of draft regional synthesis report	5,000
Finalizing and printing of the National Development of NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned (where possible) with SDG indicators, phase 2”);	2,000
Report of the regional workshop “Development of NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned (where possible) with SDG indicators, phase 2”);	18,000
Sub-total	41,000
Activity 2 – The preparation of SOMER-3 (phase 1) – The integrated assessment of environmental problems, status and trends related to existing and changing natural and socio-economical conditions in the NOWPAP region	
Workshop on SOMER-3 structure	18,000
Preparation Draft of SOMER-3 (phase 1) – The integrated assessment of environmental problems, status and trends related to existing and changing natural and socio-economical conditions in the NOWPAP region	30,000
Finalizing and printing of SOMER 3 in 2022 (phase 2)	
Sub-total	48,000
Activity 3 - Prepare the Regional Overview ‘Microplastics abundance in river runoff and coastal waters of the NOWPAP region’ for the biennium of 2020-2021	
Preparation of and draft RO and finalization National Inputs on the river runoff of microplastics to the marine and coastal environment of the NOWPAP region	21,000
Seasonal survey of microplastic runoff with river NOWPAP region RF include Amur/Heilong	13,000
Finalization and publication of the regional Overview	4,000
Sub-total	38,000

Staff and Other Personnel Costs (Preparation of and draft RO and finalization National Inputs on the river runoff of microplastics to the marine and coastal environment of the NOWPAP region; Seasonal survey of microplastic runoff with river NOWPAP region RF include Amur/Heilong)	13,000
Supplies Commodities and Materials (Finalization and publication of the regional Overview)	4,000
Sub-total	17,000
Activity 4 - Strengthen regional capacity on pollution monitoring through knowledge and information sharing and capacity building	
Staff and Other Personnel Costs (Preparation of meeting reports of the 17th and 18th Focal Points Meetings)	51,000
Operating and Other Direct Costs (Communication expenses)	5,000
Sub-total	56,000
Activity 5 - Update, maintain and enrich the POMRAC website.	
Staff and Other Personnel Costs (A new design of the website; Maintenance and regular updates of the website)	2,000
Sub-total	2,000
Total	113,000