



# Northwest Pacific Action Plan

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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 works first of all in framework of (1) and (2) priority areas NOWPAP MTS.

According to MTS 2018-2023 the objective for the priority area (1) and (2) is to provide for the NOWPAP countries by reliable information and data on the state of marine and coastal environment to support evidence-based policy making process.

## 2. Workplan and Budget of POMRAC for 2022-2022

Taking into consideration the output and outcomes of the past activities on fields of WG 1, WG 2 and WG ICARM as well as the directions of the NOWPAP MTS 2018-2023, and taking into account the responsibilities and activities of POMRAC in 2020-2021, POMRAC should focus in 2022-2023 on the following issues:

- Activity 1. Joint Activity for WG1, WG2 and ICARM WG with cooperation with RACs: the finalization of SOMER-3 – "The integrated assessment of environmental problems, status, and trends related to existing and changing natural and socio-economic conditions in the

NOWPAP region" with a Workshop in the second half 2022 for the final discussion and approval of SOMER-3 (Part II) contents and structure (priority area of MTS (1).

- Activity 2. Development of marine spatial planning (MSP) in the NOWPAP Member States as mechanism to reduce pressure on the coastal and marine environment with POMRAC workshop in first part 2022 (priority area of MTS (2).
- Activity 3. Invertebrates as potential indicators of contamination by microplastic and nanoplastic of marine and coastal areas within NOWPAP region with POMRAC workshop in first part 2022 (priority area of MTS (2).

The following POMRAC activities are suggested for the 2022-2023 biennium too:

- To organize the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Focal Points Meetings.
- To develop new design, maintenance and regular updates of the POMRAC website.

Table 1. Budget 2022-2023 from Trust fund of NOWPAP

<b>Budget</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>Results/Outputs</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Activity 1. Finalization of SOMER-3</b>	
On-line Workshop on SOMER-3 structure	4,000
Preparation of the chapter 2 of SOMER-3	20,000*
Preparation of the chapter 3,4 of SOMER-3	15,000*
Compilation of chapters 3,4 of SOMER 3	5,000*
Finalization and printing of SOMER 3	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,000</b>
<b>Activity 2. Development of marine spatial planning (MSP) in the NOWPAP Member States as mechanism to reduce pressure on the coastal and marine environment</b>	
On line Workshop on MSP review structure	10,000
Preparation of the different chapters of MSP review (national inputs)	22,000
Preparation and compilation of MSP review (International consultant)	5,000*
Publication	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,000</b>
<b>Activity 3. Invertebrates as potential indicators of contamination by microplastic and nanoplastic of marine and coastal areas within NOWPAP region</b>	
On line Workshop	10,000
Preparation of the National Inputs	15,000*
Study of the influence of microplastic on the key species	8,000
Study of microplastic in hydrobionts from the areas with most notable plastic pollution	4,000
Compilation, finalization and publication of Regional overview	8,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,000</b>
<b>Activity 4 - Strengthen regional capacity on pollution monitoring through knowledge and information sharing and capacity building</b>	
To organize the 19th and 20th Focal Points Meeting	30,000
Preparation of meeting reports	3,000
Communication expenses	5,000
Inputs to NOWPAP RAC activities and technical reports, contributions to national, regional and global meetings and processes	5,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>43,000</b>
<b>Activity 5 - Update, maintain and enrich POMRAC website</b>	
New design of the website	9,000
Maintenance and regular updates of the website	1,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,000/ 71,000*</b>

\* - through the separate contracts with RCU, or UNEP HQ