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for 2014 -2015 Biennium**

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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 2011 16th NOWPAP IGM adopted NOWPAP Medium-term Strategy, 2012-2017. One of main MTS Objectives for Theme 1, Integrated coastal and river basin management (ICARM), is to develop and adopt a harmonious approach towards coastal and marine environmental planning on an integrated basis and in a pre-emptive, predictive and precautionary manner (Objective (iii) from NOWPAP Action Plan). One of the suggested activities for this Theme is Setting Ecological Quality Objectives for marine and coastal environment, based on the regular assessments.

2. Discussion of the POMRAC Workplan and Budget for 2014 - 2015 Biennium

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, the Secretariat of POMRAC presented a draft workplan and budget of its activities for the 2014-2015 biennium to the 11th POMRAC FPM (Tianjin, People's Republic of China, 9 -10 October 2013) to discuss, and the workplan and budget were approved to be submitted to the 18th NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting (4-6 December 2013, Toyama, Japan).

Since the 18th IGM could not reach any conclusions on financial matters of NOWPAP including the budget for RAC activities for the 2014-2015 biennium until the beginning of April 2014, all planned activities of POMRAC had been suspended until that time. Taking into consideration this long delay of the schedule, the Secretariat of POMRAC presents a modified workplan and budget to be discussed at the 12th POMRAC FPM.

Taking into account the abovementioned the responsibilities and activities of POMRAC in 2014-2015 should focus on the following new issues:

- Joint Activity for WG1, WG2 and ICARM WG with cooperation with RACs, RCU and relevant organizations (OSPAR, PEMSEA, PICES, WESTPAC, YSLME and others):
Development of the Ecological Quality Objectives for the NOWPAP region with regional workshop combined with 12th POMRAC FPM.
- Activities for ICARM WG:
Regional workshop and training course in cooperation with PEMSEA for implementation of regional guidelines for integrated coastal planning/management combined with the 13th POMRAC FPM.
- Activities for RAP MaLi implementation in Russian part of NOWPAP region:
Case study on application of “no special fee system” in Russian ports.

Taking into account the abovementioned, **the following POMRAC activities are suggested** for the 2014-2015 biennium:

- to organize the 12th and 13th Focal Points Meetings;
- to organize brainstorming Regional workshop “Setting Ecological Quality Objectives for the NOWPAP region” back to back with the 12th POMRAC FPM (in cooperation with RCU, RACs, PEMSEA and other relevant organizations);
- to organize Regional workshop/training course on Implementation of regional guidelines for integrated coastal planning/management combined with 13th POMRAC FPM (in cooperation with PEMSEA);
- to develop (jointly by WG1, WG2 and ICARM WG, in collaboration with other RACs and NOWPAP partners) Ecological Quality Objectives for the NOWPAP region;
- to finalize and publish of the reports of ongoing activities:
 1. The second State of Marine Environmental Report for the NOWPAP Region (with more focus on socio-economic issues, climate change and issues of biodiversity conservation);
 2. Regional guidelines for integrated coastal planning/management;
 3. Regional overview of persistent toxic substances (PTS) in the coastal environment of the NOWPAP region.
- to implement the activity within the NOWPAP RAP MALI: Case study on application of a “no special fee system” in Russian ports.

Workplan and Budget for POMRAC in 2014/2015

Activity	Planned Budget US\$			Tentative Time
	2014	2015	total	
12 th and 13 th POMRAC Focal Points meetings back to back with two WSs	25,000	25,000	50,000	FPM12 - September 2014 FPM13 - October 2015
Joint activity of WG1, WG2, ICARM WG: Development of the Ecological Quality Objectives for the NOWPAP region	20,000	14,000	44,000	WS – September 2014
Regional workshop “Setting Ecological Quality Objectives for the NOWPAP region“ (back to back with 12 th POMRAC FPM)	10,000			
ICARM WG: Regional workshop/training course on Implementation of regional guidelines for integrated coastal planning/management combined with 13 th POMRAC FPM (in cooperation with PEMSEA)		12,000	12,000	WS - October 2015
Finalization and printing: 1. The second State of Marine Environmental Report for the NOWPAP region (with more focus on socio-economic issues, climate change and issues of biodiversity conservation) 2. Regional overview of persistent toxic substances (PTS) in the coastal environment of the NOWPAP region 3. Regional guidelines for integrated coastal planning/management	9,000		9,000	
Activities of RAP MALI: Increasing public awareness about marine litter problem by developing and distributing promotional materials (Case study on application of a “no special fee system” in Russian ports)	3,000	3,000	6,000	
Website update	500	500	1,000	
Cooperation, coordination of POMRAC activities and communication	4,000	5,000	9,000	
Total	71,500	59,500	131,000	