



Meeting Report of the 2nd Steering Committee Meeting of North-East Asian Marine Protected Areas Network (NEAMPAN)

16 June 2016, Suncheon, Republic of Korea

1. The 2nd Steering Committee meeting was held on 16 June 2016, back-to-back with the 2016 NEAMPAN workshop held in Suncheon, Republic of Korea.
2. Review of the project proposal by the Russian Federation. Steering Committee (SC) was briefed on the project proposal by the Russian Federation, which was circulated among the SC members in advance. SC supports the proposal in principle, though they provided suggestions and comments, as well as requested revision of the project as follows: (1) narrow down the scope and prioritize activities of the proposal, considering the budget size; (2) adjust its timeframe to make it more realistic; and (3) emphasize the importance of collecting each country's inputs/expertise. The Russian SC member responded that the project will be revised accordingly, and utilize experiences and existing research of the member countries.
3. Advisory Committee. The NEAMPAN Secretariat briefed the steps taken to identify the Advisory Committee (AC) members. According to the decision at the first SC meeting, the AC consists of national experts identified by the SC and international experts suggested by the Secretariat. The Secretariat so far circulated the suggested list of international AC members, while it is still waiting to hear on the national experts. SC members viewed that the list of suggested international experts includes heads of organizations which may not be appropriate nor feasible for the purpose, and suggested revision of the list.
4. While there have not been particular activities that AC members are requested to act yet, the SC was aware that AC members' feedback is needed in reviewing project proposal such as that proposed by Russian government. As the revision of the project proposal requires good knowledge of existing research on the subject area in each country, the SC members thus were urgently urged to suggest experts from respective country in order to work as national experts of the AC. Given various perspectives discussed above, the SC suggested that the AC could initially start with 2 years term, and the SC revisit the responsibility and members of AC before the term ends.
5. NEAMPAN future activities. China is planning a workshop for Chinese MPA managers in

China in October this year, and the SC member of China showed his interest to invite some international participants to the workshop. NEAMPAN Secretariat will offer assistance in facilitating such exchange. Further development of suggested NEAMPAN activities during the Meeting will be virtually communicated for consultation.