Item 5(c)-Annex III.

Activity plan for marine protected areas in 2022-2023

A. <u>Work Plan for knowledge sharing and capacity-building</u>

Approach and modality: Focus on sharing information and knowledge through a NEAMPAN workshop or webinar(s). The events can be jointly organized with (sub) national, regional or global agencies to maximize the synergy with various stakeholders and facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices on MPA management.

Key Activities

• A.1: Organization of a NEAMPAN workshop (Q2/Q3, 2023)

The Secretariat plans to organize a NEAMPAN workshop to share national and local-level practices to address climate change impacts on MPAs and discuss opportunities for collaboration among MPAs through the NEAMPAN. (Approximate budget: \$30,000)

• A.2: Organization of a NEAMPAN webinar(s) (Q2/Q3, 2023)

For knowledge sharing with a broader audience, the Secretariat plans to organize a webinar(s). The potential topics of the webinar(s) include the Post-2030 global biodiversity framework, UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), NDCs related to coastal ecosystems, etc. The webinar(s) could be jointly organized with various partners, such as NEAMPAN Steering Committee, international organizations and NGOs, academia and research institutes. (Approximate budget: 0)

B. Work Plan for a research project

Approach and modality: Focus on expanding understanding and knowledge on climate change impacts on marine protected areas and the role of MPAs/MPA networks to tackle such impacts in North-East Asia.

Key Activities

• B.1: Study on climate change impacts and MPAs (Q1-Q4, 2023)

The Secretariat plans to conduct a study on climate change and marine protected areas in North-East Asia and policy options to ensure sustainable development (i.e., blue carbon, or protecting endangered and rare migratory marine species, focusing on NEAMPAN sites). This can be utilized to develop training materials (e.g., online training or training manual, etc.) and to organize a subregional/national workshop(s) in the following years. (Approximate budget: \$15,000)