

## Report of the 4th Steering Committee Meeting of North-East Asian Marine Protected Areas Network (NEAMPAN)

20 July 2022, Virtual meeting

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting was held virtually on 20 July 2022. Members from China, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation attended the meeting.

### Update of the NEAMPAN activities in 2021

2. The Committee noted the updates on the NEAMPAN activities in 2021, as below.
  - 1) **A NEAMPAN workshop (15 July 2021, virtual):** The workshop presented the key findings from the NEAMPAN project, funded by the Russian Federation, on “Strengthening the subregional cooperation through knowledge sharing on sustainable management of marine protected areas”. Nine (out of twelve) NEAMPAN sites shared experiences and lessons learned from sustainable management of MPAs. More than 90 participants attended the workshop.
  - 2) **The Workshop on MPA Management and Networking: Experiences and Opportunities for Collaboration in East Asia (13-14 October 2021, hybrid):** The workshop promoted the sharing and exchange of experience and practices in MPAs management and networking. It was jointly organized with the China-PEMSEA Sustainable Coastal Management Cooperation Center.
  - 3) **Fourth Asia-Pacific Day for the Ocean (27 October 2021, virtual):** The Secretariat, jointly with the ESCAP Environment and Development Division, organized an interactive thematic dialogue on the ocean-climate nexus of blue carbon as a part of the Fourth Asia-Pacific Day for the Ocean.

### NEAMPAN activity plans in 2022 and 2023

3. The Committee discussed the activity plans prepared by the Secretariat. The Committee provided the following suggestions for the proposed activities.
  - 1) **A NEAMPAN Workshop (Q2, 2023):** The Committee supported the activity and highlighted the importance of strengthening climate change science with MPAs management. The Committee suggested the Secretariat target MPAs managers, experts with a scientific background, and local practitioners for the workshop. The details of the workshop will be consulted with the Committee after the SOM-25.

- 2) **NEAMPAN webinar(s) (2023):** The Committee agreed to the plan to organize webinar(s) in 2023 and recommended potential topics, which are (i) the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, particularly focusing on the target for expanding MPAs at least 30 % of the ocean by 2030 (30 by 30 target), and (ii) sustainable management of UNESCO World Heritage sites in MPAs, including ecotourism.
- 3) **A study on climate change impacts and MPAs (2023):** The Committee agreed to conduct a study on climate change impacts and MPAs with a focus on climate change adaptation policy and management options, as well as the roles of MPAs in climate change mitigation. The Committee recommended a thorough review of references in English and the local languages of each member State for the study. Noting the study can be further developed into training materials in the following years, the Committee recommended tailoring the materials easy-to-understand for local practitioners.
4. The Committee that the Secretariat will report the outcomes of the meeting to the 25th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-25) for the consideration of member States. Upon the approval of the activity plans, the Secretariat will further consult with the Steering Committee members for their implementation.

## ANNEX

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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