



Project Proposal

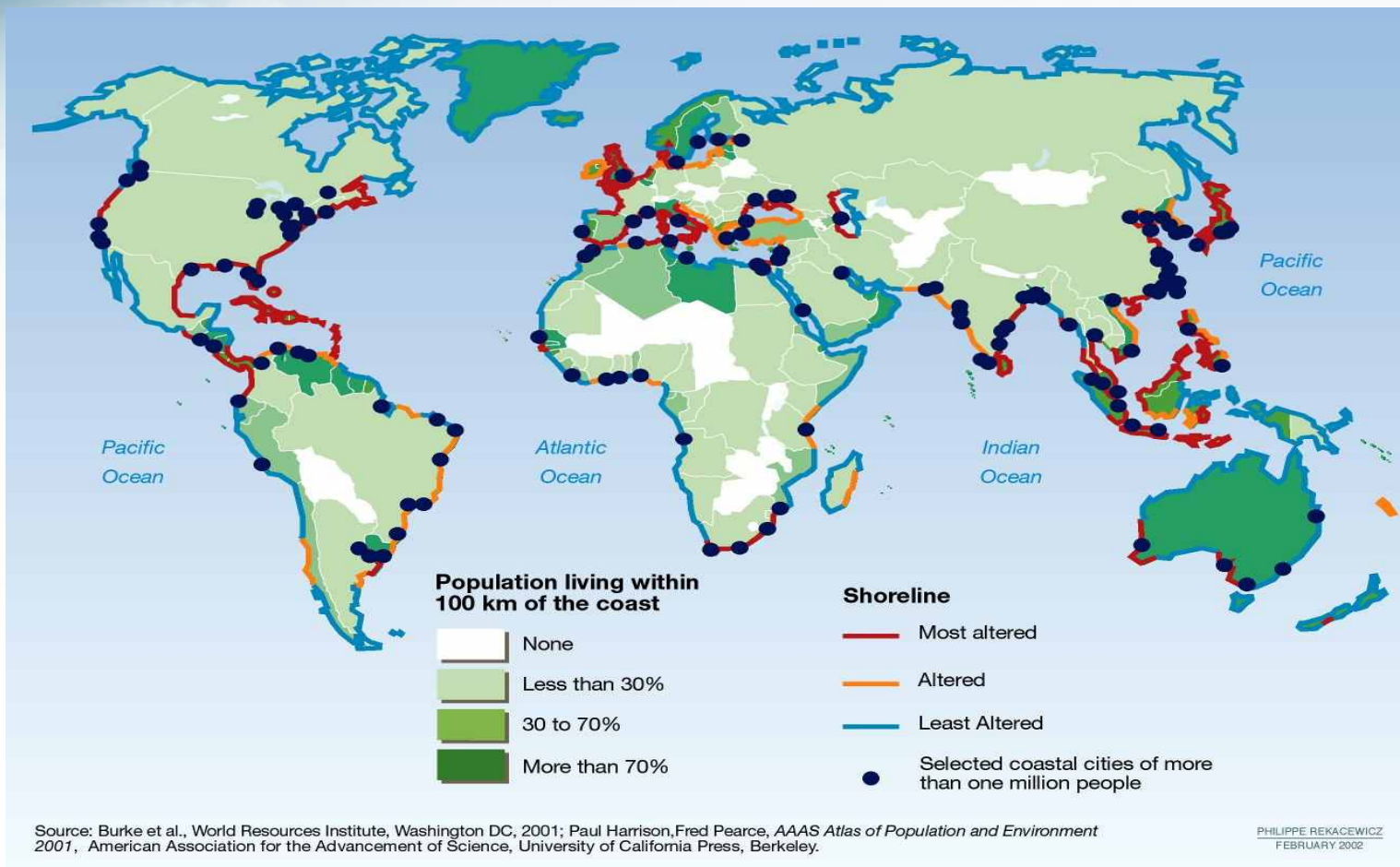
**Strengthening Subregional Cooperation to
address Transboundary Marine Pollution**

Republic of Korea



I. Background

- Various factors resulting in degradation of the marine environment and pollution and depletion of marine resources
 - rapid economic growth
 - cities concentrated along with the coasts (high population density)
 - high dependence on marine and coastal activities
 - increase of ship-generated marine pollution (oil, chemicals, litter, etc)
- Different level of expertise among member states to address the marine pollution
- Need for a mechanism to improve our ability to address specific transboundary environmental challenges





II. Objectives

- Nurture the capacity to address transboundary environmental challenges focusing on marine pollution
- Share outcomes of the joint research with relevant organizations
- Provision of opportunities for knowledge & information sharing (best practices)
- Strengthen the NEASPEC partnership with other intergovernmental organizations
- Mechanism for trust building / quick response
- To provide recommendations to enhance the level of coordination among the intergovernmental organizations



III. Agenda

- Means to detect and address transboundary marine pollution
 - Provision of technological assistance
 - Information sharing on the routes of pollutants
- Understanding the impact of transboundary pollutants
 - Information sharing on the change in the level of pollution
 - Conducting joint projects/researches to evaluate the impact of transboundary pollutants
- Cooperation with other intergovernmental organizations
 - Review the missions of existing intergovernmental organizations addressing marine pollution while seeking means to complement their respective roles

IV. Modalities

- ECM / Workshop
 - ECM / Workshop may be convened on specific issues to facilitate knowledge & information sharing among experts
- Joint Research
 - With the assistance of the Secretariat a joint research may be conducted on means to better address transboundary marine pollution / facilitate cooperation among related intergovernmental organizations
- Host
 - Korea will initiate meetings but member states are encouraged to engage more proactively



V. Timeline / Budget

- ECM / Workshop (2012)
 - a more detailed proposal may be discussed at the ECM (as necessary, a special Workshop may be convened)
- 17th NEASPEC SOM (2012)
 - Goal is to submit a final proposal for approval at the 17th NEASPEC SOM
- First Meeting (first half of 2013)
 - Joint analysis of factual and scientific information on marine pollution
- 18th NEASPEC SOM (2013)
 - Priorities for joint research will be decided at the 18th NEASPEC SOM
- Joint research(2014)
 - Joint research in the first half of 2014 and provide recommendations to the existing institutions and the member states at the 19th NEASPEC SOM
- Budget
 - The estimated budget of the project is USD 50,000 per year



Thank You.