

# NEASPEC ECM on Marine Environment: *Introduction to the meeting*

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# NEASPEC



- Established in 1993 with the membership of all six NEA countries
- Aims to be a comprehensive programme for environmental cooperation in North-East Asia
- UNESCAP serves as the Secretariat under the guidance of Senior Officials Meeting (SOM).



# NEASPEC: Major Programme

## Sustainable Development

Transboundary Environmental Challenges

Economy -  
Environment

Air pollution

Dust and  
sandstorm

Nature  
conservation

Eco-  
efficiency  
Partnership

# Challenges to Marine Environment in NEA

- High concentration of population (over 600 million) and economic activities
- High dependence on coastal and marine resources
- Insufficient management of land/sea-based pollution
- High frequency of incidents related to the marine environment
- Growing impact of climate change on the marine ecosystem

# Goals and Plans of the ECM

Review national policies and activities on the prevention and management of marine pollution

Review the current regional and subregional programs

Review environmental challenges and options to strengthen multilateral cooperation

Identify potential areas of NEASPEC action on marine environment

*Thank you!*



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