

## Concept Note

# NEAMPAN Webinar 2023: Accelerating Ocean-Based Actions for Sustainable Development

13 September 2023  
09:00 am - 11:00 am KST  
Virtual, MS Teams

## Background

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) was adopted in 2022 as a historic milestone to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. It requires urgent global efforts to ensure that marine and coastal ecosystems are under effective conservation, restoration and management, and aims to enhance biodiversity, ecosystem functions, ecological integrity and connectivity, among all global targets it sets.<sup>1</sup>

Recognizing GBF's global targets and the mission of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development to generate and use knowledge for the transformational action needed to achieve a healthy, safe and resilient ocean for sustainable development,<sup>2</sup> the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) has adopted a resolution on Regional Cooperation to Accelerate Climate Action on Oceans in Asia and the Pacific for Sustainable Development at its 79<sup>th</sup> Commission Session on 19 May 2023. The resolution promotes capacity building and joint cooperation for sustainable ocean-based actions, among others.

In this connection, the North-East Asian Marine Protected Areas Network (NEAMPAN), which has 12 MPA sites at present from China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, is well-positioned to advance subregional cooperation of ocean-based actions, which would further contribute to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate action) and Goal 14 (Life below water).

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<sup>1</sup> The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-15/cop-15-dec-04-en.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/435/10/PDF/N2243510.pdf?OpenElement>

Within the context of these international and regional agendas, NEAMPAN Secretariat will organize a webinar on Wednesday, 13 September 2023, bringing together experts, practitioners, and stakeholders from the international community to share the latest information and progress of ocean-based solutions to sustainable development. The webinar will further explore how NEAMPAN and its MPAs would translate the agendas into concrete ocean-based actions, and exchange knowledge on emerging good practices of ocean-based solutions in key areas (e.g. blue carbon, fisheries, ecotourism and aquaculture), considering scientific findings, application of innovative technologies and financial mechanisms.

## Overview

- **Organizers:** ESCAP
- **Target audience:** The webinar is open to anyone interested in ocean-based actions to achieve sustainable development, including government officials, MPA managers, NGOs, scientists, academics, and the general public.
- **Date:** 09:00-11:00 am Korea Standard Time, Wednesday, 13 September 2023
- **Language:** English

## Proposed Agenda

<b>Accelerating Ocean-Based Actions to Combat Climate Change</b>	
<b>09:00 – 09:05</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ganbold Baasanjav, Head, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office</li> </ul>
<b>09:05 – 10:55</b>	<b>Presentations and Discussions</b> <b>Presentations (100min):</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Mr. Joseph Appiott</b>, Programme Management Officer, Marine, Coastal and Island Biodiversity, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) <i>Presentation: Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: A Catalyst for Action on Area-Based Conservation</i></li> <li><b>2. Mr. Hongfei Zhuang</b>, Assistant Professor, First Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources of China <i>Presentation: Conservation Status and GAP Analysis of Spotted Seal</i></li> </ol>

	<p><i>(Phoca largha) in China and North-East Asia</i></p> <p><b>3. Mr. Hiroki Sato</b>, Assistant Director, Ministry of Environment of Japan</p> <p><i>Presentation: About MPA in Japan</i></p> <p><b>4. Mr. Jungho Nam</b>, Senior Research Fellow, Marine Policy Research Department, Korea Maritime Institute, Republic of Korea</p> <p><i>Presentation: Putting Blue Carbons and ESG into MPAs Management in East Asia</i></p> <p><b>5. Mr. Anatolii Kachur</b>, International Project Manager, Pacific Geographical Institute Far Eastern Branch Russian Academy of Sciences, and <b>Ms. Tatiana Orlova</b>, Deputy Director, A.V. Zhirmunsky National Scientific Center for Marine Biology, Far Eastern Branch Russian Academy of Sciences</p> <p><i>Presentation: Climate Changes and Their Impact on the Ecosystems of Marine Protected Areas in the South of the Russian Far East</i></p> <p><b>6. Mr. Raphael Glemet</b>, Senior Programme Officer, and <b>Ms. Maeve Nightingale</b>, Senior Programme Officer, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Asia Regional Office</p> <p><i>Presentation: The 2023 IUCN Situation Analysis on Ecosystems of the Yellow Sea and Opportunities for Strengthening Marine and Coastal Protected Areas</i></p> <p><b>Discussions (10min)</b></p>
<p><b>10:55 - 11:00</b></p>	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Xiaohui Hou, Deputy Head, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office</li> </ul>