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**Workplan and budget for the Development of regional NOWPAP
EcoQO targets aligned with SDG indicators. Phase 1**

PROPOSAL OUTLINE

1. Project title: Development of regional NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned with SDG indicators. Phase 1.

2. Leading RAC: NOWPAP POMRAC

3. Participating NOWPAP members: China, Japan, Korea and Russia

4. Supporting RACs: NOWPAP CEARAC, MERRAC, DINRAC

5. Project period: 2 years (2018-2019)

6. Total budget: US\$ 47,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project goal

After adoption of sustainable development goals (SDGs) by the UN General Assembly in December 2015, NOWPAP activities related to Ecological Quality Objectives (EcoQOs) for the northwest Pacific also have to be aligned with the SDG indicators.

SDG 14 “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development“ and SDG 15 “Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss” are the goals specifically most closely related to the proposed NOWPAP EcoQOs. For the time being only 4 indicators of these SDGs are directly reflected by the operational criteria and indicators of NOWPAP EcoQOs:

- 1) 14.1.1. “Index of coastal eutrophication” – by indicators of EcoQO 3: **Eutrophication adverse effects are absent**
- 2) 14.1.1. “Floating plastic debris density” – by indicators of EcoQ 5: **Marine litter does not adversely affect coastal and marine environments**
- 3) 14.4.1 “Proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels” – by indicators of EcoQO 1: **Biological and habitat diversity are not changed significantly due to anthropogenic pressure**
- 4) 15.5.1. “Red List Index” – by indicators of EcoQO 1 **Biological and habitat diversity are not changed significantly due to anthropogenic pressure** and EcoQO 2 **Alien species are at levels that do not adversely alter the ecosystems.**

The goal of this project is to analyze the national numerical targets (where they exist) on the NOWPAP EcoQO indicators and suggest (and then discuss) possible regional EcoQO targets aligned to the extent possible with the above mentioned SDGs indicators.

Other two SDG-14 indicators (14.2.1 “Proportion of national exclusive economic zones managed using ecosystem-based approaches” and 14.5.1 “Coverage of protected areas in relation to marine areas”) are covered by other NOWPAP activities (ICARM, EBM, etc.).

Brief description of the project implementation

Each of the above mentioned SDG indicators has different background, availability of information, and implementation potential in each NOWPAP country. Obviously different experts from all NOWPAP countries and all NOWPAP RACs should be brought together for the project implementation. For each indicator the following aspects should be studied and presented:

- 1) Scientific background including analysis of advantages and limitations of indicator, taking into account international knowledge and experience within the NOWPAP region;
- 2) Availability of relevant information, including international and national official sources;
- 3) Assessment of possibility of applying each indicator, taking into account existing national legislation.

The template (proposed structure) of National Inputs will be prepared by POMRAC Secretariat after adoption of its 2018-2019 work plan by the NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting in 2017.

The preparation of National Inputs with information on above mentioned 3 aspects for each of the above mentioned SDG indicators will be a core of this project. The regional synthesis prepared after an analysis of these National Inputs (and preferably after a regional workshop) will be the main output of this project. This synthesis report will be reviewed by NOWPAP RACs, RCU, NFPs, and then published and circulated between relevant stakeholders.

Possible phase 2 of this project will be discussed later, based on the success of the phase 1.

Implementation plan

Activities	2018				2019			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1. Finalization of workplan								
2. Nomination of experts and signing MoUs								
3. Preparation of National Inputs								
Workshop for about US\$ 20,000 to discuss possible regional targets								
4. Compilation of National Inputs and preparation of draft regional synthesis (report)								
5. Review, adoption, publication and dissemination of regional report								

Project budget

Activities	Budget allocation (US\$)
Experts from each NOWPAP member state (collecting data and preparing National Inputs)	22,000 (5,500x4)
Workshop (travel and accommodation of experts, etc.)	18,000
Compilation of National Inputs and preparation of draft regional synthesis (report)	5,000
Printing of regional synthesis	2,000
Total	US\$ 47,000