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**Report on the implementation of activity “Development of regional  
NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned with SDG indicators, phase 1”**

**Background.**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) has approved the Programme of Work for 2018-2019 biennium, including the POMRAC activity: "Development of regional EcoQO targets aligned (where possible) with SDG indicators, phase 1". During the implementation of EcoQOs activity in 2016-2017, national experts agreed that the following six NOWPAP EcoQO indicators could be applied in their countries:

- Nutrients concentration in the water column (possible SDG indicator 14.1.1)
- Nutrient ratios (silica, nitrogen and phosphorus)
- *Chlorophyll a* concentration in the water column (possible SDG indicator 14.1.1)
- Harmful algal blooms (HABs)
- Concentration of the contaminants in sediments, water and organisms
- Trends in the amount and composition of litter washed ashore (possible SDG indicator 14.1.1)

**Goal** of this activity was to analyze the national numerical targets (where they exist) on the abovementioned NOWPAP EcoQO indicators and suggest (and then discuss) possible regional EcoQO targets aligned to the extent possible with the above mentioned SDGs indicators.

**Tasks.**

In accordance with signed MoUs, nominated experts from all NOWPAP countries had to analyze the availability of information and implementation prospective for each indicators taking into account the following aspects:

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

**Activities.**

The template of National Inputs was prepared by POMRAC Secretariat. The National Inputs were circulated among POMRAC Focal points, and after notable amendment in accordance with comments provided, have been submitted to the international consultant for the analysis and compilation as a regional synthesis.

Progress on the activity was discussed during POMRAC Workshop in Vladivostok March 20-21 2019. During the workshop, National Inputs were presented by the nominated experts from NOWPAP member states. Then, experts discussed in detail the suggested targets related to six

EcoQO indicators agreed upon earlier. Experts have suggested several designated areas within their respective countries where preliminary EcoQO targets could be tested during the second phase of POMRAC activity “Development of regional EcoQO targets aligned (where possible) with SDG indicators”. In some cases, experts have decided that setting targets on certain EcoQO indicators would be premature or unnecessary.

### Outcomes.

International consultant compiled Regional Synthesis (RS) based on the National Inputs and results of discussion during POMRAC WS in March 2019. After compilation document was circulated among POMRAC experts, POMRAC FPs for the comments. After amendment of RS, the document was circulated among RACs and National Focal Points. **Final version of the Regional Synthesis (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 16/Inf.4) has been uploaded at the NOWPAP POMRAC website as technical report**

### Budget

Contract	Timing	Output	To be completed	Counterpart	Budget (US\$)
Preparation of National Inputs	2018, Q3-Q4 2019, Q1	National Inputs on	2018, December, 30 - Draft 2019, March, 1 - Final	Expert(s) in China	4,000*
				Expert(s) in Japan	4,000*
				Expert(s) in Korea	4,000*
				Expert(s) in Russia	4,000*
Workshop to discuss possible regional targets and to finalize National Inputs	2019, Q1	Workshop report	2019, March, 1	POMRAC	18,000
Compilation of National Inputs and preparation of draft regional synthesis (report)	2019, Q2-Q3	Regional report	2019, September, 30	POMRAC, hired Consultant/Expert	5,000*
Finalization and publication of Regional report	2019, Q4	Publication of Regional Overview	2019, November, 30	POMRAC	4,000

\* - through the DINRAC SSFA