

Item 5(c) - Annex VI

NEAMPAN Activity Plan 2026

Objective: By 2030, NEAMPAN's role is recognized as a key platform for enhancing partnerships among MPAs and stakeholders.

Activities

A. Knowledge Production

1. **Studies on "Challenges and impacts of climate change on MPAs and relevant ocean-based solutions" (Q4, 2025 – Q4, 2026)**

Approach: Building on studies completed for China and the Republic of Korea, the secretariat plans to extend the study to Japan and/or the Russian Federation. These studies aim to complete the subregional perspective and strengthen the evidence base for coordinated adaptation strategies.

Estimated budget: \$7,000

2. **Country MPA profile (Q4, 2025 – Q1, 2026)**

Approach: The secretariat will prepare a concise country-level MPA profile to provide an overview of the current status of MPAs in each member State and will be regularly updated based on feedback from the Steering Committee to ensure data accuracy and relevance.

Estimated budget: \$2,500

B. Knowledge sharing and capacity building

3. **NEAMPAN Steering Committee Meeting (Q1, 2026)**

Approach: In line with its Terms of Reference, the NEAMPAN Steering Committee will convene virtually in early 2026 following the adoption of the new Strategic Plan (2026-2030). The meeting will serve as a platform to discuss concrete implementation modalities and prioritize activity proposals, ensuring alignment with the Strategic Plan.

Estimated budget: no cost implication

4. Virtual Dialogue on Marine Mammal Conservation (Q1 or Q2, 2026)

Approach: Following the 2025 Expert Group Meeting on marine mammals, the Secretariat will organize virtual dialogue(s) to build on the EGM's outcomes and recommendations. The session(s) will provide a platform for participating experts to further explore potential follow-up actions, including opportunities for collaborative activities.

Estimated budget: no cost implication

5. Regional Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) (Q2 or Q3, 2026)

Approach: The workshop aims to build technical capacity among MPA managers, government agencies, and stakeholders on the identification, recognition, and management of OECMs in marine and coastal areas. It aims to facilitate the sharing of national experiences and align subregional practices with GBF Target 3. It could be jointly organized with relevant partners, subject to further discussion.

Estimated budget: \$21,500

C. Knowledge Dissemination: Outreach

6. Webinar to Disseminate Key Findings from the Reports on Climate Change and Marine Protected Areas (Q4, 2025)

Approach: The secretariat will organize a webinar to share key findings and recommendations from the country studies conducted for China and the Republic of Korea on climate change and MPAs. Key findings will also be promoted through social media channels.

Estimated budget: no cost implication

7. Engagement with Regional and Global Mechanisms (Throughout 2026)

Approach: The Secretariat will maintain active engagement with relevant subregional and global mechanisms such as the Yellow Sea Working Group (potentially assuming a co-chairing role), the East Asian Regional MPA Network, and the Global MPA Network, as well as key international organizations working on the marine and coastal environment. Engagement will focus on contributing to joint initiatives, sharing NEMAPAN experiences and lessons learned, and drawing insights from other networks to inform subregional contexts. Participation may include attending coordination meetings, co-organizing side events, and contributing to collaborative publications or dialogues. NEAMPAN activities will be shared through social media channels.

Estimated budget: \$7,000