

Activity Plan for Marine Protected Areas in 2027

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

Activities:

A. Knowledge Sharing: Capacity Building

1. Capacity-building activities for Marine Protected Area Managers

Approach: The secretariat will consult the NEAMPAN Steering Committee and site managers to identify priority needs and interest in capacity-building activities. Based on these consultations, a series of capacity building activities could be convened locally in cooperation with interested member States and relevant national or local institutions, using local languages, where feasible.

Budget: US\$12,500

2. NEAMPAN Steering Committee Meeting

Approach: The secretariat proposes to convene an in-person meeting of the NEAMPAN Steering Committee back-to-back with SOM-30 to review progress and seek guidance on future activities.

Budget: US\$5,000

B. Knowledge production: Research and policy advice

3. Analytical work on climate change and MPAs

Approach: Building on the country studies on climate change and MPAs for China and the Republic of Korea, the secretariat could continue analytical work on the impacts of climate change on MPAs and relevant ocean-based solutions. This may include further study, and subject to consultations with interested member States.

Budget: US\$6,000

C. Knowledge dissemination: Outreach

4. Engagement with regional and global MPA mechanisms

Approach: The secretariat will continue engaging with regional and global MPA mechanisms and relevant international events to share NEAMPAN's work on MPAs, marine and coastal OECMs, and marine mammal conservation, strengthen partnerships and identify opportunities for cooperation. Possible engagement may include the Sixth International Marine Protected Areas Congress, Our Ocean Conference, the IUCN World Protected and Conserved Areas Congress, and the East Asian Seas Congress, and the World Coastal Forum, as well as activities associated with ESCAP's Ocean-based Climate Action, the East Asian Seas Regional Collaborative Network of MPAs and the Global MPA Network. Participation will be subject to the timing of events, the relevance of sessions and available resources.

Budget: US\$5,000

5. Outreach to existing and potential NEAMPAN participating sites

Approach: The secretariat will explore opportunities to contribute to events and programmes organized by existing NEAMPAN sites and relevant national institutions to strengthen site engagement and encourage wider participation in the Network. Activities may include presentations, information sharing and exchanges with site managers alongside national MPA meetings, site-level conservation events, public awareness events, and relevant forums. Opportunities will be identified in consultation with the Steering Committee and participating sites, and interest in joining the Network would be followed up through NEAMPAN Steering Committee.

Budget: US\$5,000