



## NOWPAP ICC and Workshop in March 2010

### Hirado, Japan

With the kind financial support offered by the Japanese government, NOWPAP is going to organize its 2010 International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) and Workshop on Marine Litter Management in Hirado City, Japan from 26 to 28 March 2010.

As part of the implementation of the NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP MALI), the 2010 NOWPAP ICC and Workshop will focus on solid waste management which is considered critical for the reduction of marine litter generation.

The three-day event will bring participation of officials, experts and environmental activists from NOWPAP member counties, as well as partners from the region and beyond, to share experience and information in dealing with marine litter.

At the same time, NOWPAP Marine Litter Focal Points and representatives of NOWPAP Regional Activity Centres will discuss in detail the implementation of the RAP MALI for 2010 and 2011.



## 14th NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting

### Toyama, Japan



The 14th NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting was held from 8 to 10 December 2009 in Toyama, Japan.

Representatives of member states (China, Japan, Republic of Korea and Russian Federation)

participated in this annual meeting. Representatives from UNEP and from NOWPAP partners (COBSEA, PICES and YSLME) also attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the implementation of NOWPAP in 2008-2009 and discussed the major NOWPAP activities in the coming two years. In addition to the work plan and budget for 2010-2011, the meeting approved the following:

Development of a project on assessment of the current status of marine and coastal biodiversity in the NOWPAP region;

Preparation of the NOWPAP medium-term strategy to facilitate its effective and efficient implementation;

The draft work plan and budget for implementing NOWPAP RAP MALI;

Further enhancement of the NOWPAP RCU role in the smooth implementation of NOWPAP, including possible revision of RCU Terms of Reference.

The next NOWPAP IGM will be held in Russia in the second half of 2010.

## **East Asian Seas Congress 2009**

**Manila, Philippines**

The East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2009 (the third so far) was held on 23-27 November 2009 in Manila, Philippines. NOWPAP booth was set up to display posters and promotional items showcasing NOWPAP activities. NOWPAP also was presented, along with several other PEMSEA partners, at the “Centerpiece Exhibit” of the Congress with the theme dedicated to dealing with marine litter.

NOWPAP RCU staff members chaired a workshop on transboundary pollution reduction in river areas and coastal areas; made presentation at a workshop related to addressing transboundary issues through regional cooperation; and also attended several workshops related to climate change in the East Asia (including applications of Integrated Coastal Management), ecosystem-based management, land- and sea-use zoning and some other regional initiatives, such as Sato Umi in Japan, Yellow Sea LME and Mangroves for the Future (MFF) projects. Three NOWPAP Regional Activity Centers (CEARAC, MERRAC and POMRAC) were also present at the Congress (through having a booth, co-chairing a WS, and making presentations).

The next EAS Congress will be held in 2012, along with the World Expo in Yeosu, Korea.

## **UNEP Administrative Management Meeting**

**Nairobi, Kenya**

To keep the offices away from headquarters (OAHs) abreast of recent UNEP developments, the Administrative Management Meeting (AMM) was held in Nairobi (Kenya) on 26-30 October 2009. At the expense of UNEP Corporate Services Section (CSS), three NOWPAP RCU staff members dealing with administrative issues attended this AMM, in order to apply the newly acquired knowledge and skills to their day-to-day operation of NOWPAP RCU.

# 11th Global Regional Seas Meeting

**Bangkok, Thailand**

The 11th Global Meeting of Regional Seas (RS) Conventions and Action Plans was held on 5-8 October 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand, hosted by the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA).

In addition to RS Conventions and Action Plans, representatives from the UNESCO IOC, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Nature Conservancy (TNC), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), FAO Regional Office for Asia, UNEP DGEF and UNEP DEPI, also attended the meeting.

NOWPAP was represented by Coordinator and Director of CEARAC (Special Monitoring and Coastal Environmental Assessment Regional Activity Center).

The main sessions of the meeting were devoted to:

- o partnerships between RS and UN agencies, Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and civil society;
- o biodiversity within ecosystem-based management;
- o biodiversity and the Regional Seas Programme; and
- o strengthening the RS alliance.

Taking into account that Japan will host the 10th CBD Conference of Parties (COP 10) in October 2010, NOWPAP activities related to marine and coastal biodiversity are anticipated with great interest.

On 9 October, short meeting was organized among representatives from three RS programmes under UNEP ROAP (Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific): NOWPAP, COBSEA and South Asian Seas Action Plan to discuss potential areas of collaboration.

## **Other meetings / events attended by RCU staff**

- Japan Marine Litter Summit, 16-17 October, Shimonoseki, Japan
- International Workshop on Transboundary Environmental Problems in the East Asia, 20 October, Fukuoka, Japan
- Visit by Ms. Wakako Hironaka, a Member of House of Councilors', 17 December, Toyama, Japan

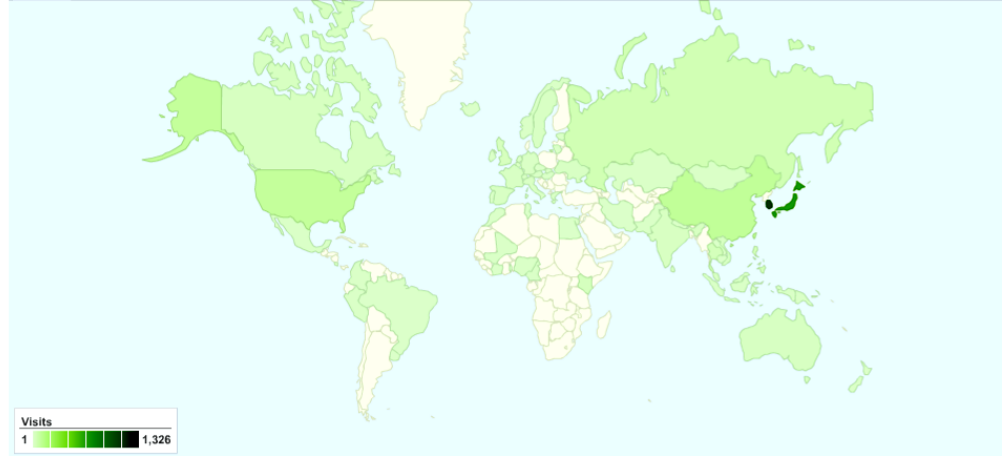
# Visits to [www.nowpap.org](http://www.nowpap.org)



During the past quarter, the official website of NOWPAP had been visited 2,759 times, of which 42% were first-time visitors.

These visitors scored 9,890 pageviews.

Geographically speaking, they are from:

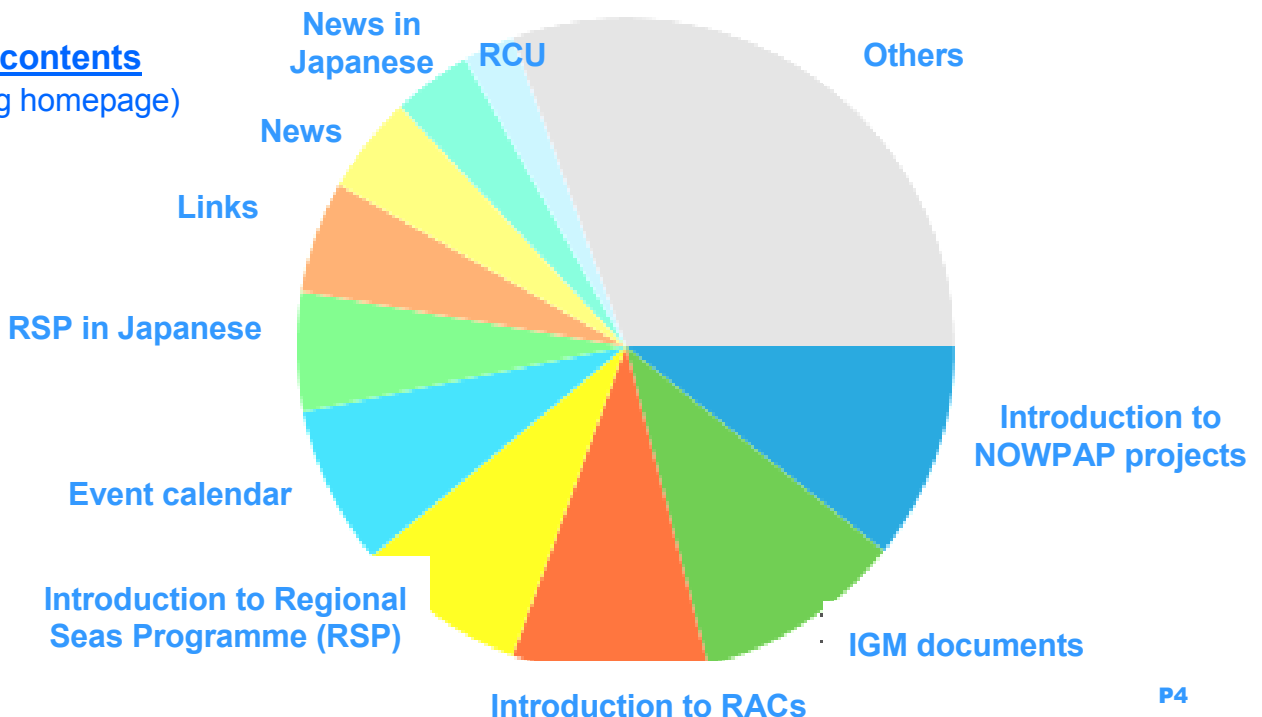


2,759 visits came from 74 countries/territories

	Country	Visits	Pageviews		Country	Visits	Pageviews
1	Republic of Korea	1,326	2.85	6	Thailand	34	3.65
2	Japan	812	5.3	7	Philippines	29	1.86
3	China	122	3.84	8	Kenya	27	1.59
4	United States	113	2.62	9	United Kingdom	21	3.48
5	Russia	51	3.47	10	Canada	17	1.76



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## Missions planned for the 1st quarter of 2010

- Symposium on Integrated Coastal Management for Marine Biodiversity in Asia, 14-15 January, Kyoto, Japan
- GESAMP (Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection) Meeting, 15-19 February, Bangkok, Thailand
- YSLME (Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem project) 2nd Regional Science Conference, 24-26 February, Xiamen, China
- NOWPAP International Coastal Clean-up Campaign, 26-28 March, Hirado, Japan

# NOWPAP

NOWPAP is an acronym for the Northwest Pacific Action Plan, which is a part of UNEP Regional Seas Programme.

NOWPAP was adopted in 1994 by its four member states:

People's Republic of China,  
Japan,  
Republic of Korea and  
Russian Federation.

Four NOWPAP Regional Activity Centers are located in:

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Daejeon (MERRAC),  
Toyama (CEARAC) and  
Vladivostok (POMRAC).

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