



2010 NOWPAP ICC & Workshop on Marine Litter Management in Hirado, Nagasaki, Japan

With the kind support of the Japanese government, the 2010 NOWPAP International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) and Workshop on Marine Litter Management were successfully organized on 26-28 March 2010 in Hirado, Nagasaki, Japan.



Focusing on ICC campaigns, marine litter and solid waste management, the workshop was attended by marine litter focal points and government officials of NOWPAP member states, several NOWPAP partners (PEMSEA, YSLME and UNEP IETC), directors and representatives of NOWPAP Regional Activities Centres, environmental NGOs, experts on marine litter and local citizens.

During the workshop, NOWPAP ICC campaigns were reviewed with experiences and lessons of promoting and organizing the beach cleanups shared. The workshop also discussed the marine litter management in NOWPAP countries, in particular solid waste management which is considered as a key factor to the control of marine litter generation. While recognizing the trans-boundary nature of marine litter and need of building up public awareness, the meeting participants wished to continue the NOWPAP ICC campaigns in the region.

Korean government kindly offered to organize the next NOWPAP ICC event in September-October 2010 in the Republic of Korea. After the workshop, the meeting participants together with local citizens participated in the cleanup at Tanoura beach where hundreds of kilograms of marine litter were collected, sorted and recorded. The marine litter data will be compiled and shared on NOWPAP website later on. At the same time, a NOWPAP RAP MALI (Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter) working meeting was held to finalize the RAP MALI work plan and budget for 2010-2011 biennium.

Activities on Biodiversity Assessment

14th NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting decided to develop a project on assessment of the current status of marine and coastal biodiversity in the NOWPAP region, which should cover the main threats, pressures, impacts and trends at the ecosystem, community, habitat and key species level.

Implementing this decision, NOWPAP RCU, together with RACs, has been working on preparation of the project. As a first step, NOWPAP is participating in the UNEP-initiated preparation of a global outlook on marine and coastal biodiversity, contributing regional input. A consultant has been contracted, using funds provided by UNEP, to collect and compile regional data and information to be reflected in the global assessment. This global outlook is due to be released at the upcoming 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP10) in October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan. At the same time, NOWPAP RCU has prepared a proposal for long term biodiversity assessment which will involve NOWPAP national experts to produce a regional report on the biodiversity issues mentioned above. Competent experts, project proponent and team leader to be involved were identified as well as potential donors for the project funding.

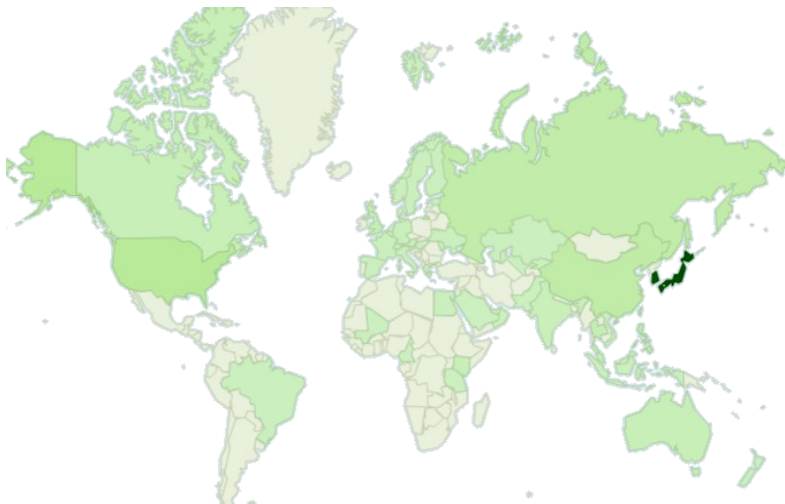
The results of the biodiversity assessment activities will be reported to the 15th NOWPAP IGM later this year.

Meetings / events, attended by RCU staff

- International Symposium on Integrated Coastal Management for Marine Biodiversity in Asia, 14-15 January, Kyoto, Japan
- Visit to Pukyung University, 20 January, Busan, Republic of Korea
- Visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan to follow-up on 14th NOWPAP IGM decisions, 25 January, Tokyo, Japan
- Visit to Nagasaki Prefectural Government Hirado city for the preparation of 2010 NOWPAP ICC preparation and workshop, 25-28 27January, NagasakiHirado, Japan
- Workshop on Northeast Asian Environment Cooperation, 4 February, Seoul, Korea
- 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
- 15th Intergovernmental meeting of Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), 17-19 March, Busan, Republic of Korea
- NOWPAP ICC & Workshop on Marine Litter Management, 26-28 March, Hirado, Japan



During the past quarter, the NOWPAP official website had been visited **2,654** times from 54 countries (or territories). Ten most frequently visiting countries are:



		Visits	New visits
1.	Japan	1,086	43.55%
2.	Republic of Korea	1,042	16.89%
3.	USA	101	84.16%
4.	China	64	75.00%
5.	Russia	60	68.33%
6.	Philippines	54	37.04%
7.	Thailand	26	96.15%
8.	Kenya	22	72.73%
9.	Canada	20	75.00%
10.	UK	20	80.00%

Missions planned for the 2nd quarter of 2010

- 13th Session of IOC/WESTPAC Coordinating Committee for the Northeast Asian Regional-Global Ocean Observing System (NEAR-GOOS-CC XIII), 8-10 April, Vladivostok, Russia
- International Symposium on Climate Change Effects on Fish and Fisheries, 25-29 April, Sendai, Japan
- 5th Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands, 3-7 May, Paris, France
- Eighth Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC-VIII), 10-13 May, Bali, Indonesia
- 13th MERRAC Focal Point Meeting and 5th CNA Meeting, 8-11 June, Daejeon, Korea

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