



Cooperation on marine litter within the framework of TEMM

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1. Results of TEMM19

TEMM: The Tripartite Ministers Meeting Among China, Japan and Korea

- TEMM has been held on annual basis since 1999.
- Within framework, the three countries aim to promote environmental management, to take a leading role in regional environmental management, and also to contribute to global environmental improvement.

TEMM19 (August 2017, Suwon, Korea)

The Ministers of three countries agreed the following terms about marine litter:

- The Ministers welcomed that G20 launched two new initiatives, “G20 Resource Efficiency Dialogue” and “G20 Action Plan on Marine Litter”, to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to reflect their commitment to sustainable development.
- The Ministers welcomed that 2nd TEMM-NOWPAP Joint Workshop on Marine Litter held in September 2016 in Russia shared the results of marine litter studies and related policies of the three countries. They decided to accelerate the exchange of each country’s policies on marine waste and related research results under the TEMM framework through the Joint Workshop and working level meetings. The Ministers confirmed that the 3rd Joint Workshop will be held in 2017 in Japan to seek efficient and effective solutions for marine litter.

2. Activities of TEMM Marine Litter Focal Point

- Holding of NOWPAP-TEMM Joint Workshop on marine litter management
 - The first NOWPAPA-TEMM Joint Workshop was held in 2015 in Yantai, China.
 - NOWPAP ICC in 2015 was organized by RCU and the TEMM Focal Point of China.
- Holding of TEMM Marine Litter Focal Point Meeting
 - TEMM Marine Litter Focal Point Meeting has been held back to back since 2015.

Topic of 4th FPM

- Holding of the TEMM marine litter workshop and the Focal Point Meeting in future
- Holding of the TEMM scientists workshop
- A joint research among the TEMM countries.