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**The 1st Meeting of NOWPAP POMRAC Working Group
on Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management
Toyama, Japan, 10-11 July 2007**

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of the 1st Meeting of NOWPAP POMRAC Working Group
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Background leading to this meeting

1. The Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region (NOWPAP) and three Resolutions were adopted at the First Intergovernmental Meeting (Seoul, Republic of Korea, 14 September 1994: UNEP/NOWPAP/IG.1/5). Resolution 1 identified five areas of priority for implementation of the Action Plan, one of which was NOWPAP/3: Establishment of a collaborative, regional monitoring programme.

2. Following the decision of the 3rd NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting, the responsibility for NOWPAP/3 (Regional Monitoring Programme) was jointly shared by the Special Monitoring and Coastal Environmental Assessment Regional Activity Center (CEARAC) and the Pollution Monitoring Regional Activity Center (POMRAC) to carry out regional activities.

3. Following the results of discussions at the 10th Intergovernmental Meeting of NOWPAP (Toyama, Japan, 24-26 November 2005), the responsibilities and activities of POMRAC in 2006-2007 should focus on the following items (UNEP/NOWPAP IG.10/5/rev.1):

- Regional Overviews on AD (atmospheric deposition) and RDI (river and direct inputs);
- State of Marine Environment Report (with other RACs);
- Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management;
- Land Based Sources of Pollution (with other RACs).

4. The 4th NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting (Qingdao, China, 25-26 April 2006) decided to implement several activities related to Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management in NOWPAP Region in 2006/7 (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 4/12 Annex 10), namely:

- to create the Working Group on Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management (ICARM WG),
- to organize the 1st Meeting of ICARM WG,
- to prepare National Reports and Regional Overview on ICARM.

5. Focal Points and Experts of NOWPAP members, namely, People's Republic of China, Japan, Republic of Korea and Russian Federation participated in the 1st Meeting of NOWPAP POMRAC Working Group on Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management. International Consultant, representatives of NOWPAP RCU Toyama office and CEARAC also participated in the Meeting. The full list of participants is attached to the present Report as Annex 1.

Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

6. The 1st Meeting of NOWPAP POMRAC Working Group on Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management was opened at 9:00 am at the Conference Room in Tower 111 (INTEC Building), Toyama, Japan, 10 July 2007 by the Director of POMRAC, Dr. Anatoly Kachur. He stressed that Integrated Coastal Area and River Basin Management is a new direction in NOWPAP activities. He expressed his gratitude to CEARAC and RCU for assistance in organization of the Meeting.

7. Dr. Tkalin has followed with his welcoming remarks. He noted that there are a lot of examples of realization of Integrated Coastal Area and River Basin Management programs, i.e. for the Mediterranean Sea or the seas of East Asia (PEMSEA). Positive experience of these programs can be useful for NOWPAP work. He proposed to use worldwide accepted term ICARM instead of ICRBM. The Meeting has agreed on his proposal.

Agenda Item 2. Organization of the Meeting

8. According to the agreed procedure of electing officers on a rotational basis, the Meeting unanimously elected Dr. Shulkin as the Chairperson, and Ms. Wang as the Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 3. Adoption of the Agenda

9. Dr. Kachur introduced to the Meeting participants the List of documents (Annex 2), the Provisional Agenda (Annex 3) and Timetable (Annex 4) for the Meeting. The meeting has adopted the provisional agenda.

Agenda Item 4. Background information about Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management (ICARM) in the NOWPAP region

10. Academician Baklanov has made his presentation on activities aimed at the development and establishment of Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management in the world and NOWPAP Region. He paid attention to principles of ICARM policy, namely: stable development, prevention of harm to natural habitat, taking of preventive measures, restoration of collapsed natural habitat.

Agenda Item 5. Overview of existing activities, problems and future plans regarding to Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management in NOWPAP Member States

11. National Experts from NOWPAP member states made their presentations on integrated coastal and river basin management in their countries and related problems. The presentations of National Reports are attached as Appendices 1-4.

12. Dr. Tkalin noted that not all presentations contained ICARM information. He also stressed that examples of ICARM in member states should cover NOWPAP region.

Agenda Item 6. Discussion of the Guidance for NOWPAP ICARM Working Group

13. Dr. Kachur has presented the draft Guidance for NOWPAP ICARM Working Group. After discussion, the Meeting decided that the main objectives of the Working Group on Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management will be as follows:

- To collect and compile existing ICARM methodologies being used by NOWPAP member states;
- To prioritize issues related to ICARM activities in NOWPAP member states (including transboundary ones).
- To assist member states in applying efficient ICARM methodologies, including coastal and river basin planning (landscape, urban and marine spatial) and risk management, by disseminating tools and good practices, organizing training courses, etc.

Agenda Item 7. Discussion of Terms of Reference for NOWPAP ICARM Working Group

14. Dr. Kozhenkova has presented draft of Terms of Reference for NOWPAP ICARM Working Group (Annex 5). The meeting has reviewed and adopted the document.

15. The Meeting has decided that the Terms of Reference could be presented for adoption by the 5th NOWPAP POMRAC FPM.

Agenda Item 8. Review of the structure and contents of National Reports for NOWPAP ICARM Working Group

16. Dr. Kachur has presented the draft Structure of National Reports on Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management in NOWPAP region. After discussion, the Meeting approved the Structure of National Report (Annex 6).

17. The meeting also discussed and approved the procedure for preparation of the National Reports for NOWPAP ICARM Working Group. The procedure will be as follows:

- The National Reports will be compiled and written based on the 'Structure and Contents of National Reports' agreed upon by the 1st POMRAC ICARM WG Meeting (Toyama, July 2007).
- The National Reports will be prepared by either POMRAC Focal Points assisted by national experts or directly by national experts. Financial support for the preparation of the National Reports will be provided by POMRAC. The experts will be nominated before 15 August 2007.
- Memoranda of Understanding between POMRAC and nominated experts will be signed before 1 September 2007.
- Draft National Reports will be submitted to POMRAC Secretariat by POMRAC Focal Points after review and approval, no later than 15 October 2007 except Korea presenting the Draft report before 30 October. POMRAC Secretariat will distribute the drafts by e-mail among POMRAC Focal Points and experts. After receiving comments from experts of ICARM WG and POMRAC FPs (within 30 days), the reports will be submitted to POMRAC FPs for review and adoption.
- The 6th POMRAC FPM (May 2008) will discuss and agree whether the National Reports are completed.
- When finalized, the National Reports will be printed as a POMRAC technical report.

Agenda Item 9. Discussion on the Reference Database for ICARM

18. Dr. Kozhenkova has presented the document on ICARM Reference Database. She stressed that two NOWPAP Regional Activity Centers could be involved into preparation of the database, POMRAC and DINRAC, as well as that preliminary agreement between POMRAC and DINRAC on this project already exists. The meeting discussed and agreed the structure and procedure of preparation of the database (Annex 7).

Agenda Item 10. Discussion on the workplan for 2007/8 for NOWPAP ICARM Working Group

19. Dr. Kachur has presented the Draft of the Workplan and Budget for Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management Activities of POMRAC in 2007/8. The meeting reviewed the proposed Workplan. During the discussion, the need of cooperation between RACs was highlighted. It was also noted that long term strategy for NOWPAP ICARM Working Group might be developed after preparation of National Reports and Regional Overview on ICARM in NOWPAP region. Finally, the Workplan and Budget for 2007/8 were adopted (Annex 8).

Agenda Item 11. Other Matters

20. Dr. Kachur informed the Meeting participants that the 5th NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting will be tentatively held on 8-9 October 2007 in Vladivostok, Russia. He drew attention of the Focal Points that they should be accompanied by at least one ICARM expert (supported by POMRAC) from each member country.

21. Dr. Tkalin underlined that the future NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting is to be held no less than two weeks before the 12th Intergovernmental Meeting of NOWPAP (24-26 October 2007).

Agenda Item 12. Adoption of the report of the meeting

22. The Meeting reviewed and adopted the report of the Meeting prepared by POMRAC secretariat and checked by the Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 13. Closure of the Meeting

23. The Chairperson declared the Meeting closed at 17:20 on Wednesday, 11 July 2007.