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**Monitoring and Evaluation Framework of the  
NOWPAP Medium-term Strategy 2018-2023**

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## INTRODUCTION

1. NOWPAP RCU, in collaboration with Member States and RACs, will be ultimately responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reporting on MTS 2018-2023 implementation. Using a structured and integrated planning, implementation and reporting process, NOWPAP will ensure a higher level of transparency and accountability. The NOWPAP approach to planning, implementation and reporting will be defined by two documents:
  - a. Biennial Programme of Work, and
  - b. MTS Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (MEF) (presented below).
2. The NOWPAP Programme of Work for the two-year cycle will describe the approach to progressing towards MTS objectives. It will set activities and performance indicators with corresponding budgets for each biennial cycle. Biennial activities and budgets are based on the recommendations made at the Focal Points Meetings (FPMs) of each RAC, held a year before the biennial cycle begins and are consequently approved by the NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM). The biennial programmes of work adopted by the IGM serve as a basis for detailing annual work programmes and budgets of RACs and RCU. The RACs' work plans are finalized during the year following the adoption of NOWPAP biennial Programme of Work at the corresponding RAC Focal Points Meetings<sup>1</sup> and will include explanation of activities, budget allocation from the Trust Fund and external resources (where applicable) as well as specific performance indicators derived from the Biennial Programme of Work. Progress in implementation of the biennial Programme of Work will be reported annually and activities and budgets will be realigned or readjusted at the NOWPAP IGM if necessary. Financial resources use, both from the NOWPAP Trust Fund and leveraged by RACs, RCU and other partners, where applicable, will be monitored and reported annually at IGMs.
3. The MEF describes ways to monitor and report NOWPAP results and impact as well as how lessons learned will be identified and applied. The framework defines what NOWPAP will monitor, evaluate and report on the progress towards achieving MTS objectives. It also aligns NOWPAP achievements with relevant international frameworks, including providing relevant information and if agreed by Member States, reporting on SDG 14.
4. Taking into account operating principles of the MTS 2018-2023, based on the proposed in the MEF indicators, NOWPAP RCU will assess progress against the following: (i) coordinating regional implementation of the ocean-related SDGs using NOWPAP mechanism; (ii) strengthening implementation of the NOWPAP based on ecosystem approach and achieving regionally agreed Ecological Quality Objectives (EcoQOs); (iii) strengthening regional and global partnerships; (iv) engaging in global processes and mechanisms supporting effective measures towards achieving SDGs, and (v) monitoring and

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<sup>1</sup> Or at the annual meeting of Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter Focal Points for all marine litter related activities. This practice will start to be applied from 2019 onward.

reporting on the implementation of the voluntary commitments registered by NOWPAP at the 2017 UN Conference “Our oceans, our future: Partnering for the implementation of SDG 14”.

5. MTS 2018-2023 will be governed and monitored by Member States through NOWPAP IGMs. The implementation of MTS using MEF indicators will be provided biannually at RAC Focal Points meetings and IGM. Half-way into the MTS, in 2020, the RCU will undertake an internal review of progress achieved using inputs from Member States, RACs and other stakeholders, in accordance with the MTS MEF. Recommendations and necessary adjustments will be considered and, if necessary, adopted by the IGM. During the last year of MTS, in 2023, the RCU will commission an independent review of progress achieved, identify challenges and propose recommendations for future action.
  
6. **NOWPAP approach to learning and improvement.** Knowledge is one of the primary assets of the NOWPAP and sharing information and knowledge, both about the state of the environment and about the NOWPAP as an institution, are critical for sustainability of the mechanism. While institutional learning is a continuous process, during the implementation of MTS, lessons learned will be captured as a part of the MTS mid-term (2020) and final review (2023). Lessons learned will be captured from deliberations at the RAC Focal Points Meetings and IGM that discuss progress and challenges in implementing NOWPAP activities. NOWPAP RCU and RACs will be organizing and/or contributing to various sub-national, national, regional and global environmental forums and producing and disseminating knowledge products, including publications, NOWPAP Quarterly, brochures and videos. Cumulatively, they constitute an increasing institutional knowledge inventory. Among key ingredients to ensure favorable conditions for learning and knowledge management in the NOWPAP are the following: sustainable databases; simple, useful and usable common indicators; face-to-face consultations; and building stakeholder capacity. This is essential for ‘lessons learned’ and scaling up. The quality and application of these NOWPAP asserts will be looked at specifically when evaluating NOWPAP’s approach to learning and improvement.

<b>Priority Area 1. Support ecosystem-based integrated coastal and river basin management (ICARM)</b>		
<p><b>Objective:</b> NOWPAP Member States increasingly apply ecosystem-based approach to planning and management as a basis to achieve healthy and productive coastal and marine ecosystems.</p> <p><b>2030 Impact measured against: SDG 14.2</b> and corresponding indicators: By 2020, sustainably manage, and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience and take action for their restoration, to achieve healthy and productive oceans</p> <p><b>Relevant SDG Targets: SDGs 6.5; 6.6; 11.3; 11a; 13.2; 14.2; 15.9</b></p>		
Outcome(s)	Output(s) and the owner(s)	MTS Indicator(s) and responsible for reporting NOWPAP entity
<p>1.1. NOWPAP Member States are developing and applying ecosystem-based management policies, tools and practices to support sustainable development of coastal zones and the marine environment.</p> <p>1.2. Planning and decision-making processes for ICZM and MSP by NOWPAP Member States enhance inter-connectedness between the land and the sea and promote cross-sectoral cooperation.</p> <p>1.3. Planning mechanisms, including integrated water resources management, ICZM and MSP in NOWPAP Member States contribute to reduced pressures on the</p>	<p>Effective implementation of ecosystem-based approach to achieve healthy marine ecosystems and conserve marine biodiversity through the application and enforcement of area-based management (NOWPAP Objective 3 tasks (e) and (f), Objective 4 tasks (b), (f), (g)) <b>(National and sub-national governments)</b></p> <p>Environment Impact Assessment, Strategic Environment Assessment and other relevant permitting processes are in place to regulate marine and coastal development activities and policies (NOWPAP Objective 3, task (c), Objective 4 task (b)) <b>(National and sub-national governments)</b></p> <p>Regional ICARM coordination through an established NOWPAP Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management Working Group under POMRAC (ICARM WG) <b>(POMRAC, RCU)</b></p> <p>NOWPAP Regional Overview of ICZM policies, practices and lessons learned with</p>	<p>Number and the increase of ICARM/ISZM/MSP plans adopted at the national and sub-national level over the reporting period <b>(POMRAC, RCU)</b></p> <p>Coverage of biologically important sites, habitats and marine living resources in national and local governments MSPs and other relevant spatial planning schemes <b>(POMRAC, RCU)</b></p> <p>Presence of regular integrated environmental monitoring programs (pollution, eutrophication, HABs, marine litter, biodiversity) in priority coastal and marine areas <b>(DINRAC, RCU)</b></p> <p>Number and type of knowledge, awareness raising information materials covering issues of ICARM developed by NOWPAP <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Number of experience sharing and training sessions on ecosystem-based coastal and river basin management organized by NOWPAP <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Number of forums, workshops, and technical assistance materials on national ocean policies</p>

<p>coastal and marine environment.</p> <p>1.4. “Good environmental status” of the NOWPAP is defined and provides a baseline and direction for Member States action.</p>	<p>actionable recommendations published <b>(POMRAC, RCU)</b></p> <p>ICZM/MSP mainstreaming into national SDG frameworks through identification of best practices, workshops and training <b>(POMRAC, RCU)</b></p> <p>Identification of ICZM/MSP sites of transboundary importance/vulnerable areas and project proposals to support management of these sites <b>(all RACs and RCU)</b></p> <p>Regionally adopted indicators for NOWPAP Ecological Quality Objectives (EcoQOs) <b>(POMRAC)</b></p> <p>EcoQO’s indicators used to revise or develop new national and regional (where applicable) monitoring and assessment programmes in the NOWPAP countries <b>(POMRAC, RCU)</b></p>	<p>and plans organized by NOWPAP with partners <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Good environmental status of the NOWPAP region is defined through the adoption of EcoQOs and relevant indicators <b>(POMRAC)</b></p> <p>Data and information on NOWPAP EcoQOs and relevant SDG 14 indicators is collected regularly and available to members <b>(DINRAC supported by other RACs and RCU)</b></p> <p><b>SDG 14.2.1.</b> Proportion of EEZ managed using ecosystem-based approaches <b>(POMRAC and RCU supported by UNEP, indicator to be based on the proxy indicator adopted by the UN)</b></p>
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<b>Priority Area 2. Assess status of the marine and coastal environment</b>		
<p><b>Objective:</b> NOWPAP Member States are presented with and use reliable information and data on the state of marine and coastal environment to support evidence-based policy making process.</p> <p><b>2030 Impact measured against:</b> Evidence-based policy making by NOWPAP Member States informed by robust data and assessments fully integrates the environmental dimension of sustainable development of the coastal and marine environment. Proposed indicators: Third State of Marine and Coastal Environment of the NOWPAP region Report (SOMER-3) focuses on regional transboundary issues, benefits and impacts of international agreements and regional action plans on marine and coastal protection and sustainable management.</p> <p><b>Relevant SDGs Targets: 6.3; 12.4; 12.5; 14.1; 14.a; 14.c; 15.5; 15.8; 17.6; 17.16</b></p>		
<b>Outcome(s)</b>	<b>Output(s) and the owner(s)</b>	<b>MTS Indicator(s) and responsible for reporting NOWPAP entity</b>
<p>2.1. NOWPAP Member States are provided with integrated periodic assessments of state of marine and coastal environment and its individual components, including (but not limited to) biodiversity, eutrophication, chemical and biological pollution, harmful algal blooms, marine litter, oil and HNS threats, and climate change impacts to inform and foster policy action.</p> <p>2.2. NOWPAP Member States, through the NOWPAP Information Portal, have free and user-friendly access to data and reliable information on coastal and</p>	<p>Implement a science-policy interface to support decision making using scientific analysis and data, through relevant fora such as meetings, capacity building and training and public awareness activities (NOWPAP Objective 2, tasks (a) and (b))  <b>(National governments, regional authorities, academia, civil society, international, regional organizations, RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>Implementation of the General NOWPAP Policy on Data and Information Sharing (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 11/7, revised) to strengthen national capacities for data and information management and exchange among countries in the NOWPAP region (NOWPAP Objective 1, tasks (d) and (e))  <b>(National governments and relevant national entities serving as NOWPAP focal points, NOWPAP RACs and RCU)</b></p>	<p>Related to SDG 17.6.1: Number of science- and technology-related cooperation agreements and programs between NOWPAP countries supporting marine environmental cooperation and sustainable development <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>State of marine and coastal environment in the NOWPAP region assessed based on all available national and regional data, scientific assessments, publications and reports (SOMER-3) <b>(POMRAC)</b></p> <p>Number and representativeness of joint activities and partnerships with international, regional and national science-related institutions contributing to NOWPAP assessments <b>(RACs and RCU)</b></p> <p>Regularly updated NOWPAP information portal with data and information and increasing number of visitors <b>(DINRAC)</b></p> <p>Number of education and other capacity building opportunities facilitated by NOWPAP <b>(RCU)</b></p>

<p>marine environment collected from members, NOWPAP RACs, other institutions and projects.</p> <p>2.3. New and emerging environmental issues, including climate change impacts on socio-ecological systems in the NOWPAP region, are identified and addressed by Member States, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Coordination national monitoring programs on issues of transboundary importance (marine biodiversity and pollution) at the regional level, including through NOWPAP technical meetings and dialogue (NOWPAP Objective 1 task (d), (e)) <b>(National governments, NOWPAP RACs)</b></p> <p>A fully operational, user-friendly and publicly available NOWPAP information portal hosted by DINRAC used as a source of data and information to improve knowledge, capacities and promote cooperation in the NOWPAP region <b>(DINRAC)</b></p> <p>Thematic Expert WG(s) established for development of SOMER-3, with ToRs and activities agreed <b>(POMRAC supported by RCU)</b></p> <p>Regional assessment of pollutants input with river discharge with policy-relevant recommendations published <b>(POMRAC)</b></p> <p>Third State of the Marine Environment Report in the NOWPAP region with progress assessed against selected SDG targets and with relevant policy recommendations adopted and published <b>(POMRAC with inputs from other RACs and RCU)</b></p> <p>DINRAC inter-connected data and information platform launched <b>(DINRAC)</b></p> <p>Potential eutrophication zones in the NOWPAP region are reviewed periodically using NOWPAP Common Procedure <b>(CEARAC)</b></p>	<p>Number and quality of public awareness products disseminating scientific and technical information from NOWPAP activities <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Progress towards the relevant SDG targets assessed in the NOWPAP region in collaboration with other organizations and SDG focal points (SDGs 14.1.1, 14.2.1, 14.5.1, 14.c.1) <b>(POMRAC, RCU)</b></p>
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	<p>Regional map of seagrass distribution in the NOWPAP region produced using remote-sensing methods <b>(CEARAC)</b></p> <p>NOWPAP SDG Outlook 2030 presents progress and challenges in achieving ocean-related SDG targets <b>(RCU with inputs from RACs)</b></p> <p>Emerging environmental issues of policy relevance in the NOWPAP region are identified and regional report published <b>(RCU)</b></p>	
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**Priority Area 3. Prevent and reduce land- and sea-based pollution**

**Objective:** NOWPAP Member States develop and adopt effective measures for mutual support in marine pollution emergencies and in the prevention and mitigation of land- and sea-based pollution.

**2030 Impact measured against: SDG 14.1:** By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution and **NOWPAP EcoQO 3:** Eutrophication adverse effects are absent, **EcoQO 4:** Contaminants cause no significant impact on coastal and marine ecosystems and human health and **EcoQO 5:** Marine litter does not adversely affect coastal and marine environments.

**Relevant SDG Targets: SDGs 6.3; 8.4; 14.1; 11.6; 12.5**

Outcome(s)	Output(s) and the owner(s)	MTS Indicator(s) and responsible for reporting NOWPAP entity
<p>3.1. NOWPAP Member States have effective measures in place against marine pollution emergencies through the NOWPAP Regional Oil and HNS Spill Contingency Plan (RCP), including information sharing, improved response capacity, and the implementation of specific projects.</p> <p>3.2. NOWPAP Member States are provided with reliable information, guidelines and best practices addressing prevention and mitigation of land- and sea-based pollution, including reduction of eutrophication.</p>	<p>Implementation of relevant provisions of the NOWPAP Regional Oil and HNS Spill Contingency Plan (2009) (RCP and NOWPAP Objective 4 task (d) and (e), Objective 5 task (c) and (e)), including but not limited to: expert meetings, collection of data on oil/HNS spill preparedness and response, operational and technical guidelines, oil/HNS spill exercises, and training courses <b>(National governments, MERRAC)</b></p> <p>Implementation relevant provisions of the NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on marine Litter (2008) (RAP MALI and NOWPAP Objective 4 tasks (a), (c) and (d) and Objective 5 (a), (b)), including but not limited to: annual coastal cleanup campaigns and technical workshops, guidelines and assessments <b>(National governments, RACs and RCU)</b></p> <p>Third Regional Overview of marine litter in the NOWPAP region providing authoritative</p>	<p>National reports on NOWPAP RCP implementation at annual MERRAC FPMs with progress indicators <b>(MERRAC)</b></p> <p>Frequency of updates and availability to members of Information on marine pollution response resources, including equipment, institutions and experts on MERRAC information portal <b>(MERRAC)</b></p> <p>Number of events and participants taking part in NOWPAP oil and NHS spill exercises and technical workshops <b>(MERRAC)</b></p> <p>National reports on RAP MALI implementation at annual RAP MALI FPMs with progress indicators <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Number of agreements, partners and financial resources mobilized for the implementation of NOWPAP activities addressing prevention and mitigation of land- and sea-based pollution <b>(RACs and RCU)</b></p>

<p>3.3. NOWPAP Member States address marine litter and microplastics, through the effective implementation of the NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP MALI).</p>	<p>assessment of marine litter status, trends and progress in implementation <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Updated RAP MALI strengthens regional and national capacities to address marine litter and microplastics in the NOWPAP region <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Northwest Pacific Regional Node of the Global Partnership on Marine Litter as a major NOWPAP information source on marine litter and microplastics in the region <b>(DINRAC supported by RCU)</b></p> <p>Relevant outputs of the NOWPAP Special Project on microplastics assessment <b>(lead national agency and RCU)</b></p> <p>Enhanced public awareness among various stakeholders about the importance and positive impacts of reducing land- and sea-based sources of pollution (NOWPAP Objective 5 (b)) <b>(National and sub-national governments, civil society, RCU and RACs)</b></p>	<p>Number and type of monitoring, assessment reports and guidelines strengthening national and regional capacities to address prevention and mitigation of land- and sea-based pollution <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Number of education and other capacity building opportunities addressing land- and sea-based sources of pollution facilitated by NOWPAP <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Number and quality of public awareness products disseminating scientific and technical information about land- and sea-based sources of pollution produced by NOWPAP <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p><b>SDG 14.1, EcoQOs 3-5</b> related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of eutrophic zones as assessed by common NOWPAP eutrophication procedure <b>(CEARAC)</b></li> <li>- Number of oil and HNS spills in the NOWPAP region <b>(MERRAC)</b></li> <li>- Amount of marine litter on the beaches in the NOWPAP region <b>(DINRAC and RCU)</b></li> <li>- Number and type of assessments and joint regional activities addressing microplastics pollution in the region <b>(RCU)</b></li> </ul>
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#### Priority Area 4. Conserve marine and coastal biodiversity

**Objective:** NOWPAP Member States are provided with reliable information and analysis of the status of biodiversity and conservation measures and recommendations for action as expressed in the Regional Action Plan for Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Conservation

**2030 Impact measured against: SDG 14.2:** By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and taking action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans; **SDG 14.5:** By 2020, conserve at least 10% of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information; **NOWPAP EcoQO 1:** Biological and habitat diversity are not changed significantly due to anthropogenic pressure; and **NOWPAP EcoQO 2:** Alien species are at levels that do not adversely alter the ecosystems.

**Relevant SDG Targets: SDGs 6.6; 13.2; 14.2; 14.5; 15.1; 15.5; 15.8; 15.9**

Outcome(s)	Output(s) and the owner(s)	MTS Indicator(s) and responsible for reporting NOWPAP entity
<p>4.1. NOWPAP Member States are provided with information and data, including on the status and major threats to Red List species and invasive alien species and sensitive habitat mapping in the region.</p> <p>4.2. NOWPAP Member States effectively address marine and coastal biodiversity conservation through planning and application of area-based management tools, including marine protected areas (MPAs) and Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs).</p>	<p>Measures are in place to conserve marine biodiversity and ecosystem services in line with international and regional commitments (subsequently, with relevant provisions of NOWPAP RAP BIO) (NOWPAP Objective 4 task (g), Objective 5 tasks (a) and (d)) <b>(National governments)</b></p> <p>Key marine biodiversity areas are designed as protected areas and management processes are in place (NOWPAP Objective 3 task (e) and (f), Objective 4 task (b)) <b>(National governments)</b></p> <p>Strengthening regional network of marine protected areas through capacity building and experience sharing (NOWPAP Objective 3 task (d)) <b>(National and sub-national governments, civil society, NOWPAP, NEASPEC project NEAMPAN)</b></p>	<p>Data and information from national reports to CBD on Convention implementation and in other global and regional assessments <b>(RCU using data from global and regional sources)</b></p> <p>Number and representativeness of assessments and knowledge products providing information about coastal and marine species and habitats of biological, ecological, social, economic and cultural significance in the NOWPAP region <b>(RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>Number of partners and amount of resources mobilized by NOWPAP to cooperative projects and programs effectively protecting species at risk and their critical habitats of transboundary importance <b>(RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>Developed and adopted Regional Action Plan for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity in the NOWPAP region (RAP BIO) adopted <b>(RCU)</b></p>

<p>4.3. NOWPAP Member States adopt Regional Action Plan for Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Conservation.</p>	<p><b>and other relevant regional mechanisms)</b></p> <p>Enhanced public awareness among various stakeholders on value of ecosystem services and the implications of biodiversity loss in the NOWPAP region (NOWPAP Objective 5 task (b)) <b>(National and sub-national governments, civil society, RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>Regional IUCN Red List of species with their identified threats developed <b>(DINRAC)</b></p> <p>Identified seagrass habitats using remote-sensing methods <b>(CEARAC)</b></p> <p>Regional overview of area-based tools used to protect coastal and marine biodiversity in the region (MPAs, IBA, EBSAs, NOWPAP environmental sensitive areas, fishing closures, MSP zoning etc.) provides a proxy for spatial coverage of marine biodiversity protection in the NOWPAP region <b>(POMRAC and RCU)</b></p> <p>Regularly updated and publicly available NOWPAP Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) reference database <b>(CEARAC)</b></p> <p>Regional Action Plan for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity in the NOWPAP region provides roadmap for regional cooperation for protection and sustainable use of marine biodiversity among NOWPAP members <b>(RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>NOWPAP Special Project on threatened and endangered marine species and</p>	<p>Number and type of capacity building activities, public awareness materials and collaborative arrangements supported by NOWPAP to strengthen national and sub-national capacities for marine conservation and sustainable use <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p><b>SDG 14.2, 14.5 and EcoQOs 1 and 2 related:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number and proportion of spatial coastal and marine development plans mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in the NOWPAP region <b>(RCU and POMRAC)</b></li> <li>- Coverage of protected areas in relation to marine areas <b>(RCU and DINRAC using UNEP-WCMC data)</b></li> <li>- TBD: additional indicators may be developed pending adoption of EcoQOs 1 and 2 indicators</li> </ul>
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	<p>habitats provides policy makers with data and information for effective future planning of biodiversity conservation and management (<b>national lead agency and RCU</b>)</p> <p>Coordination, information and experience sharing in marine biodiversity conservation and management at the global, regional, and national levels is improved through NOWPAP relevant activities (<b>RACs and RCU</b>)</p>	
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**5. Strengthening regional cooperation through partnership building and resource mobilization**

**Objective:** NOWPAP Member States will strengthen and where necessary upgrade all core functions of the NOWPAP, while moving towards further integration of various activities, operational integration between four RACs and a stronger coordinating role of the RCU.

**2030 Impact measured against: SDG 14.c.:** Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want and **SDG 17.6:** Enhance North-South, South-South and triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation, and enhance knowledge sharing on mutually agreed terms, including through improved coordination among existing mechanisms, particularly at UN level, and through a global technology facilitation mechanism.

**Relevant SDG Targets: SDGs 12.8; 14.a.; 14.c.; 17.6; 17.14; 17.16; 17.17**

Outcome(s)	Output(s) and the owner(s)	MTS Indicator(s) and responsible for reporting NOWPAP entity
<p>5.1. NOWPAP network of Regional Activity Centers and RCU is managed effectively.</p> <p>5.2. NOWPAP mechanism is maintaining effective and establishing new multi-stakeholder partnerships.</p> <p>5.3. NOWPAP Trust Funds are managed efficiently and effectively through improved administrative, financial and human resources management.</p> <p>5.4. NOWPAP communications, public advocacy and digital engagement products better inform, influence and mobilize</p>	<p>Enhanced conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS and other relevant international and regional frameworks (NOWPAP Objective 3 tasks (a) and (b), Objective 4 task (d), Objective 5 tasks (a), (d) and (e)) <b>(National governments, regional authorities, private sector, civil society)</b></p> <p>Improve regional and sub-regional dialogue, coordination, exchange of good practices, capacity building for research addressing marine environmental protection and sustainable development in the NOWPAP region (NOWPAP Objective 1 tasks (a)-(e), Objective 3 (d)) <b>(National governments, regional authorities, private sector, civil society, academia, regional organizations)</b></p>	<p>Regular national reports on NOWPAP implementation as evidenced at RAC FPMs and IGMs <b>(NOWPAP Focal Points)</b></p> <p>Number and type of collaborative arrangements and joint activities with global, regional and national institutions supporting implementation of NOWPAP Programme of Work <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Percentage of successfully implemented activities and expenditure rate of NOWPAP Trust at the end of each biannual program. Annual replenishment rate for the NOWPAP Trust Fund as reported to NOWPAP IGMs <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Percentage of implemented decisions of NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meetings as reported to NOWPAP IGMs <b>(RCU)</b></p>

<p>stakeholders and resources for the protection of marine and coastal environment.</p> <p>5.5. External to NOWPAP capacity and financial resources are mobilized for the implementation of NOWPAP activities.</p>	<p>Effective implementation of NOWPAP MTS 2018-2023, which aims at the coordination of regional implementation of the ocean-related SDGs using NOWPAP mechanism <b>(National governments, regional authorities, private sector, civil society, regional organizations, NOWPAP RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>Regular and according to IGM decisions contributions to NOWPAP Trust Fund as well as additional financial support when feasible provided to ensure effective functioning of the mechanism (NOWPAP section 4.3) <b>(National governments)</b></p> <p>Regular (at least annual) reporting on NOWPAP implementation progress provided to Member States <b>(RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>Effective functioning and coordination of NOWPAP's network between RACs and between RCU and RCU maintained through regular dialogue and effective administrative and financial support by RCU <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Enhanced regional, sub-regional and cross-border dialogue and cooperation on protection and sustainable use of marine and coastal environment in the NOWPAP region facilitated by NOWPAP mechanism <b>(National governments, RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>Enhanced public outreach to multiple stakeholders on environmental and development problems and solutions in the NOWPAP region builds NOWPAP's image</p>	<p>Number and type of joint activities between NOWPAP RACs and RCU as reported to NOWPAP IGMs <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Revised and qualitatively improved NOWPAP and RACs website as reflected in the increasing number of online visits compared to the baseline year of 2018 <b>(RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>Number and type of NOWPAP outreach products produced <b>(RACs and RCU)</b></p> <p>Financial and human resources mobilized by RCU and RACs to support implementation of NOWPAP activities as reported annually to IGM <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Mid-term and final evaluation of MTS 2018-2023 with recommendations and management response <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p><b>SDG 14.c. and 17.6 related:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biannual review of countries making progress in ratifying, accepting and implementing through legal, policy and institutional frameworks ocean-related international instruments as reflected in UNCLOS <b>(to be compiled by RCU as a part of MTS monitoring)</b></li> <li>- Number and type of science- and technology-related cooperation agreements and programs between NOWPAP countries supporting marine environmental cooperation and sustainable development <b>(RCU)</b></li> </ul>
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	<p>as being part of the solution <b>(National governments, RACs and RCU)</b></p> <p>Annual monitoring and reporting on NOWPAP voluntary commitment to the UN SDG 14 Conference #OceanAction17490 indicating progress in marine environmental protection and sustainable use by NOWPAP mechanism <b>(RCU)</b></p> <p>Mobilized human and financial resources for the effective implementation of NOWPAP MTS 2018-2023 <b>(National governments, RCU and RACs)</b></p> <p>Regular monitoring and evaluation of NOWPAP MTS 2018-2023 implementation <b>(RCU and RACs)</b></p>	
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