

Meeting of NEASPEC Focal Points

Marine Protected Areas

- North-East Asian Marine Protected Areas Network (NEAMPAN)



NEASPEC Secretariat

Background Overview



China, Japan, ROK and the Russian Federation share about 30 percent of the world's capture fisheries



China, Japan and ROK are among the world top 15 producers in aquaculture production



Intertidal flats as essential nursery and fishing grounds, as well as wetlands as key habitats of migratory birds and endangered species (e.g. spotted seal)

NEASPEC Process

SOM-16 (2011)

Project proposal on “Strengthening Subregional Cooperation to Address Environmental Challenges related to Transboundary Marine Pollution” by ROK government

Expert Consultation Meeting (2012)

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) as a main focus of NEASPEC activities with regard to marine environment

SOM-17 (2012)

Endorsement of the proposal for launching the North-East Asian Marine Protected Areas Network (NEAMPAN)

NOWPAP/NEASPEC Joint Workshop (2013)

Discussion on MPAs and potential areas for subregional cooperation, as well as programme and operational modality of NEAMPAN

SOM-18 (2013)

Launch of the NEAMPAN by adopting network’s Terms of Reference

Steering Committee Meeting (2014)

Adoption of the SC’s TOR and Nomination of target MPAs by respective governments

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Goal

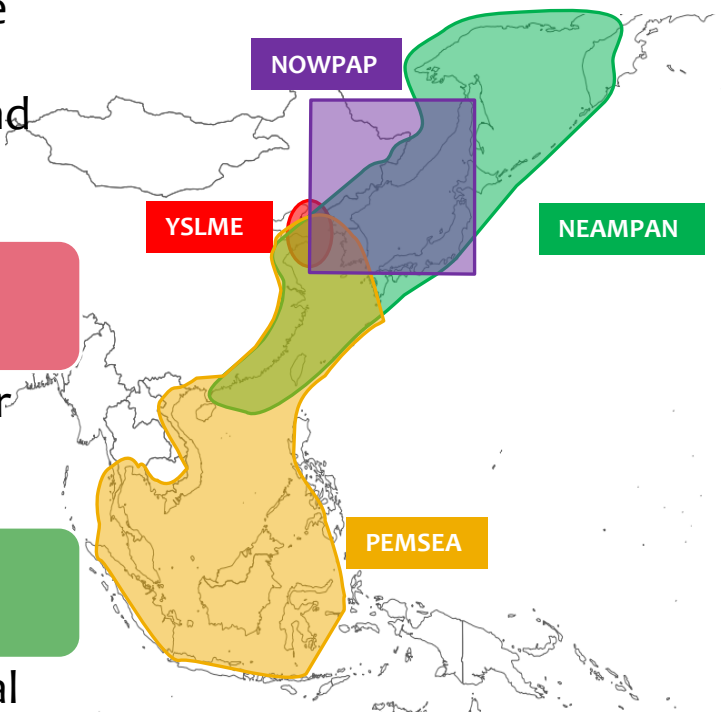
- to establish an effective, functional representative network of MPAs in North-East Asia for conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity and more efficient MPA management

Geographical scope

- all seas of North-East Asia where MPAs of member states are located

Network membership

- central and local management authorities, national academic or policy institutions, NGOs, IOs, relevant programmes/projects, etc.



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Social/human
networking
among MPAs



Ecologically
coherent MPA
network

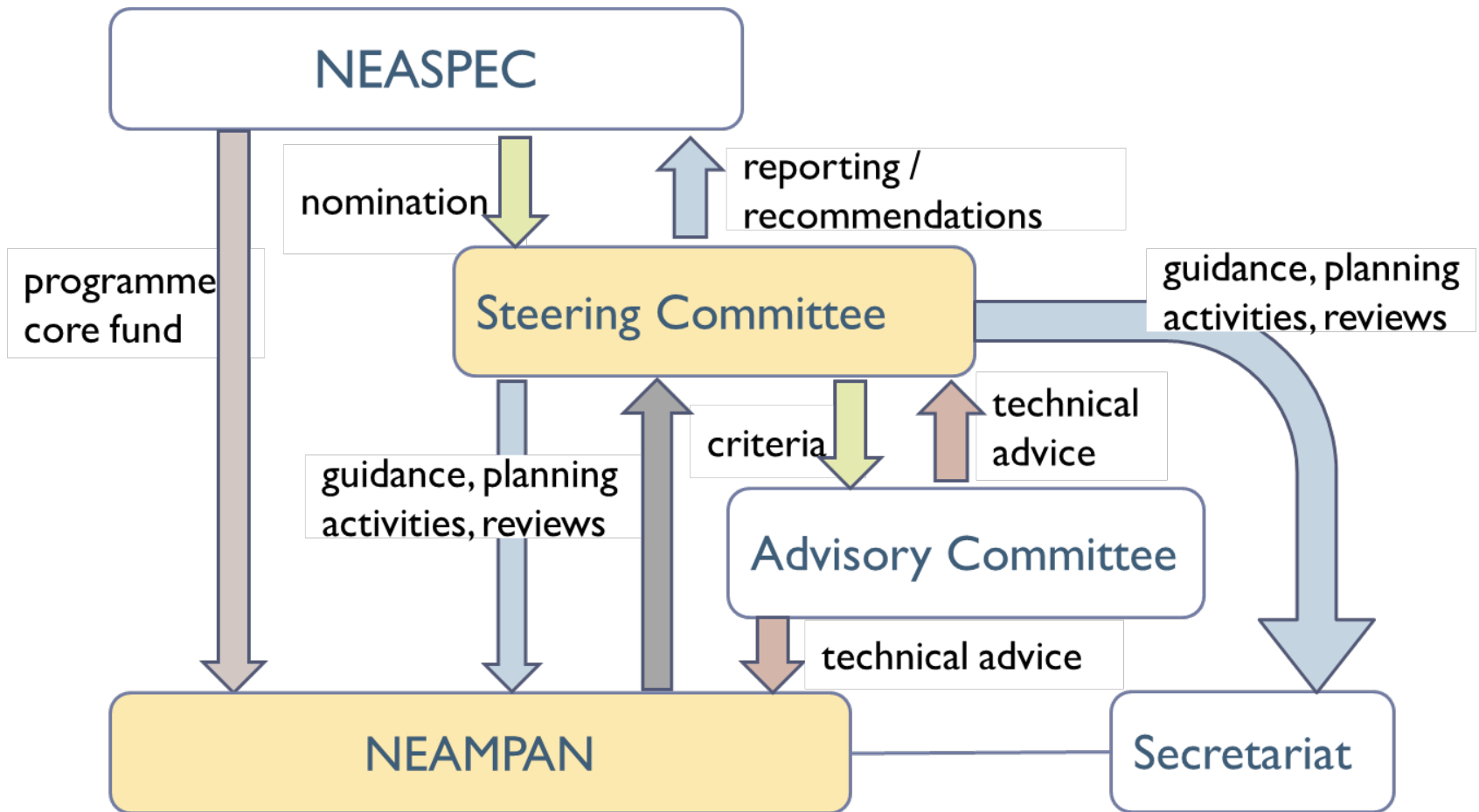
Priority Activities

- Protection of key marine animals and their habitats
- Sustainable use of marine resources
- Effective MPA management
- Collaboration with other relevant programmes, networks and projects

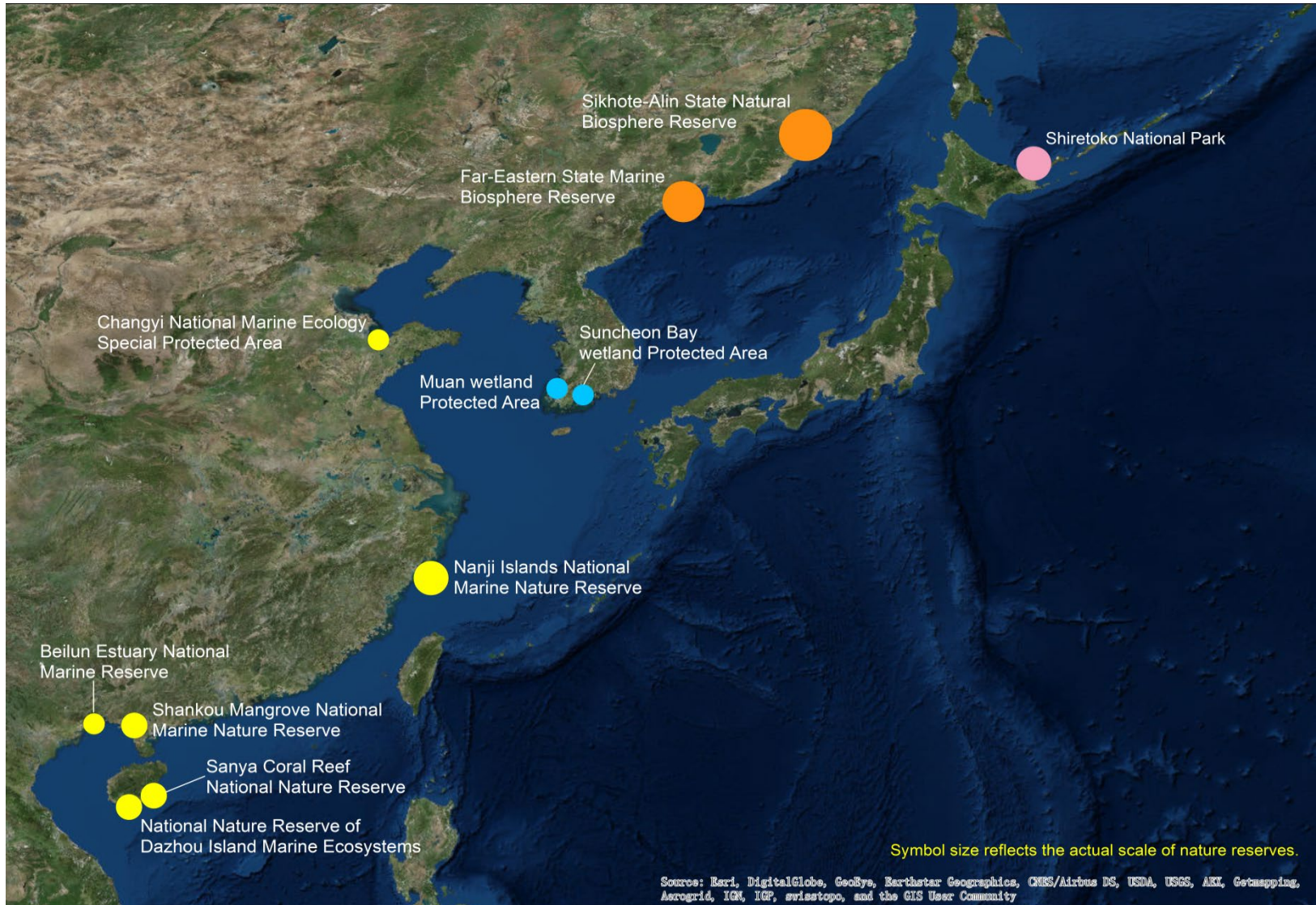
Activity Modalities

- Research and monitoring projects
- Information and experience sharing
- Capacity building for MPA managers
- Networking with regional/global mechanisms

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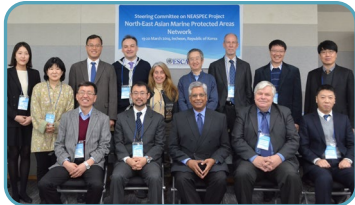
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Proposal of NEAMPAN Workshop 2016 on “Sharing experiences and challenges in MPA management”



Goals

- To share experiences and challenges on MPA management
- To build network among MPA stakeholders of NEAMPAN
- To discuss future activities of NEAMPAN



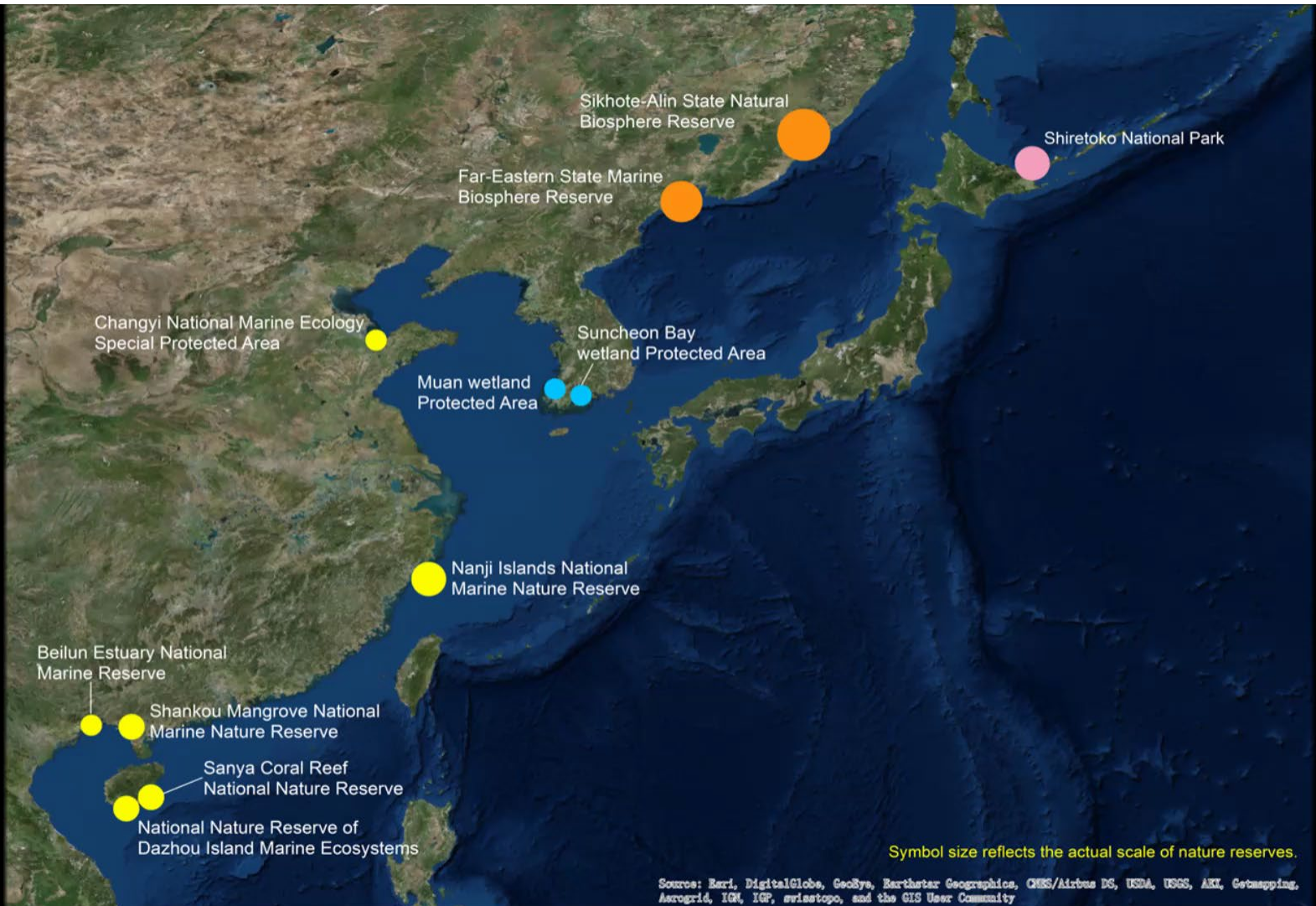
Participants

- Representatives from each NEAMPAN site
- NEAMPAN Steering Committee members
- International organizations, any relevant initiatives or programmes, NGOs etc.
- Local stakeholders



Proposed date and venue

- Spring 2016
- One of nominated MPAs in China or Suncheon in ROK



Proposed Strategy

Objectives: By 2020, fully operationalize NEAMPAN to support partnerships among target MPAs and stakeholders, and enhance capacity to achieve, inter alia, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to marine and coastal biodiversity in a holistic manner

Activities:

- Facilitate the **sharing and exchange of knowledge, information, experiences and practices** with regard to strengthen MPA management effectiveness
- **Create partnerships** that can provide targeted **capacity-building and technical assistance** in support of on-the-ground implementation priorities
- **Enhance interactive communication** among policy makers, scientific community and local stakeholders in NEASPEC in light of ecological network of MPAs
- **Monitor progress on Aichi Biodiversity Targets** related to marine and coastal biodiversity in NEASPEC countries
- **Facilitate multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder communication** network at local and sub-regional/regional levels and across subregion/region
- **Share experiences** in achieving a balance between the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, and promoting flexible and diverse approaches towards this end