

MPA Talk

Proposed Agenda (28 March 2024)

- **Tour de Table/Introduction**
- **Briefing by the Secretariat:**
 - **Mandates from SOM-26**
 - **Overview of the MPA Talk**
- **Discussions**
- **Any Other Business (AOB)**

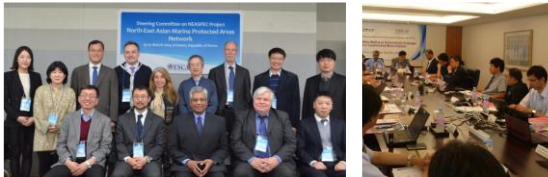
Concept for MPA Talk

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



NEAMPAN – Overview

- 2013**
 - NEAMPAN launch (SOM-18)
 - NEAMPAN Term of Reference
- 2014**
 - First Steering Committee meeting
 - SC Term of Reference
 - Nominated 11 sites
- 2015-2023**
 - Workshops (2016 and 2021)
 - Int'l seminar (2017)
 - ROK nominated Gochang (2018) – 12 sites
 - Research project and two project meetings (2018~2020)
 - Webinar (2022, 2023)
 - Steering committee meetings



North-East Asian Marine Protected Areas Network
 Management Plans, Monitoring and
 Assessment of Marine Protected Areas



Brief of the 26th NEASPEC Senior Officials Meeting (2023) on Marine Protected Areas

NEAMPAN Workshop

- China to express its interest in hosting the workshop in 2024

Study on ocean-based climate actions of NEAMPAN sites

- (ongoing) “Challenges and impacts of climate change on MPAs and relevant ocean-based solutions in the Republic of Korea”, and to be published in 2nd half of 2024
- (planned) China for Q3, 2024 – Q1, 2025
- Secretariat to continue undertaking the studies for Japan and the Russian Federation

MPA Talk

NEAMPAN sites expansion

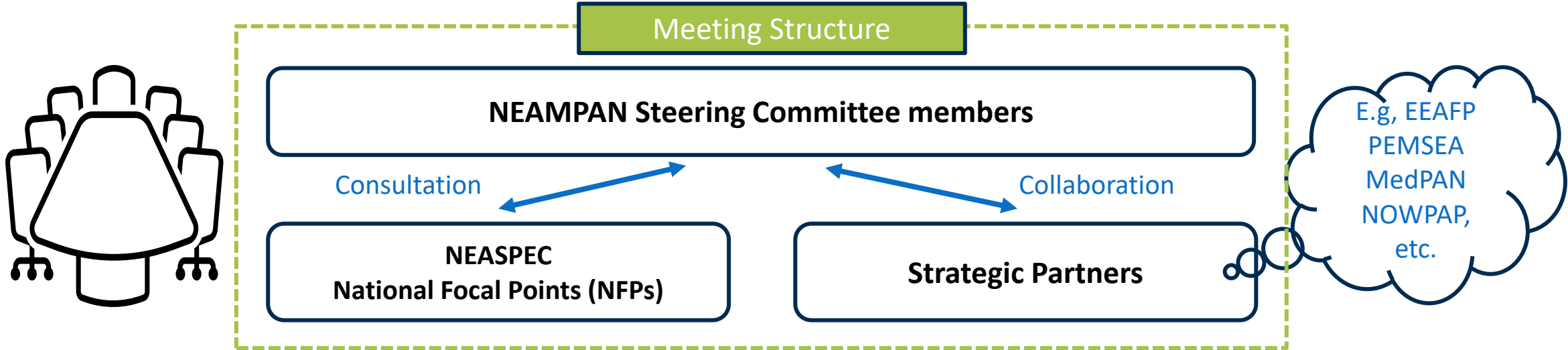
- Circulated the draft to the NEAMPAN Steering Committee in August-September 2023 for comments
- Noted the plan, **suggesting focusing on a social network** (step-by-step approach)

NEAMPAN strategic framework and action plan

- Secretariat to suggest **more frequent engagements with the Steering Committee** to explore the potential development of a NEAMPAN Strategic Framework and Action Plan

MPA Talk Series

MPA Talk	Modality	Online meetings on an ad hoc basis
	Purpose	Facilitate open and candid discussions, gather feedback
	Rule	Chatham House Rule in a non-attributable manner
	Participation	NEAMPAN StC Members, with NFPs and Partners



NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2021-2025: Marine Protected Areas

Objectives:

By 2025, develop NEAMPAN to be fully functional for strengthening partnerships among target MPAs and stakeholders and enhancing capacity to achieve, inter alia, the SDG14 and relevant goals associated with marine and coastal biodiversity in a holistic manner.

Activities

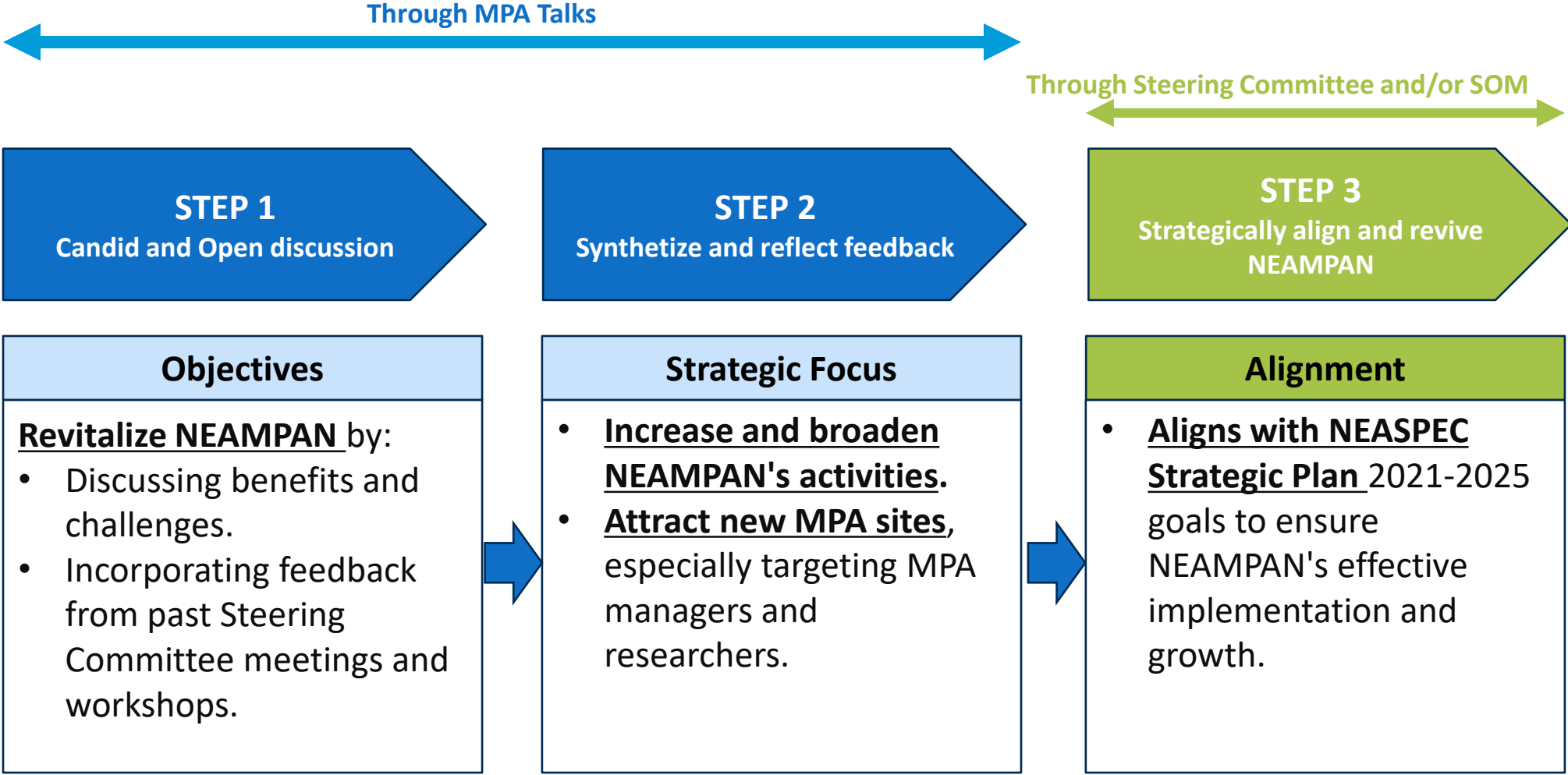
Facilitate the exchange of knowledge, information, experiences and good practices with regard to strengthen MPA management effectiveness

Facilitate cooperation on the protection of endangered and rare migratory marine species

Cooperation with existing partnerships to maximize the synergy with various initiatives at national, (sub-)regional and global level in capacity-building and technical assistance in support of on-the-ground implementation priorities

Enhance interactive communication among policy makers, scientific community and local stakeholders to promote ecosystem approach for MPA management

Revitalizing NEAMPAN: 3 Steps



Key Questions for Steering Committee Members

Challenges Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What are <u>the top challenges</u> faced in engaging with NEAMPAN, and your suggestions for overcoming them?○ <u>How can NEAMPAN improve its approach</u> to expanding and attracting new MPA sites?
Strengthening NEAMPAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What steps are crucial to <u>reinvigorate NEAMPAN's member engagement and operational momentum</u>?○ How can the network better <u>support the exchange of practices and knowledge</u> to enhance MPA management?
Organizational Structure and Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How significant is the <u>role of the Advisory Committee</u> in NEAMPAN's success, and what are your thoughts on its establishment?○ Which <u>strategic partnerships should NEAMPAN prioritize</u> to increase its impact on marine conservation?
General Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What additional initiatives or changes would you recommend for NEAMPAN to achieve its strategic goals by 2025?

Next Steps

Today

- Collect feedback from NEAMPAN Steering Committee Members
- **Synthesize benefits and challenges of current NEAMPAN from Steering Committee**

Q2 2024

- Conduct research on more potential activities on MPAs
- **Consult with Partners / other MPA networks for alignment and collaboration**
- Consult bilaterally with Steering Committee Members / National Focal Points

Q3/4
2024

- Present a zero draft for planned activities for more revitalization
- **Organize the MPA Talk with wider stakeholders from NFPs and partners**

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Additional References

(Reference) Overview of NEAMPAN Activities Since Establishment (1/2)

Activities	Time and Location	Activities Highlights
NEASPEC/NOWPAP Joint Workshop	13-14 March 2013, Toyama, Japan	(i) shared information on the details of MPAs, including definition, categories and monitoring/management status in each member state (ii) focused on MPA details, categorizations, and monitoring/management status in each member state
First Steering Committee Meeting	19-20 March 2014, Incheon, Republic of Korea	(i) clarified national approaches to MPA, strategic direction of the Network, target MPAs, network membership, as well as organizational and managerial structures (ii) agreed on the TOR of the Steering Committee, to define the role and responsibility of their own work as members of the Committee and to be submitted to the SOM-19 for endorsement
NEAMPAN Workshop 2016 and Second Steering Committee Meeting	15-16 June 2016, Suncheon, Republic of Korea	(i) shared experiences of MPA management in terms of <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of ecosystem services and sustainable management of resources; 2. Sustainable management of human activities including tourism; and 3. Stakeholder participation. (ii) Shared experiences in partnership and networking among MPAs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exchange experiences of interaction with other MPAs in various activities at national or international levels 2. Information on workshops / trainings provided by international organizations and NGOs
International Seminar on Marine Protected Areas in YSLME and North-East Asia	14 July 2017, Republic of Korea	(i) NEAMPAN and YSLME Project Management Office co-organized this seminar to contribute to the MPA designation process, as well as effective and equitable management of the coastal habitats to contribute to the achieving the SDG14 (ii) Field Visit to Coastal Wetlands of Ganghwa Island, Republic of Korea, which was co-hosted by Ganghwa County, Incheon, Republic of Korea (iii) Facilitated the sharing of experiences of MPA establishment and management in North-East Asian countries sharing experiences on MPA governance

(Reference) Overview of NEAMPAN Activities Since Establishment (2/2)

Activities	Time and Location	Activities Highlights
Expert Workshop on Management Strategies and Monitoring & Assessment of Marine Protected Areas in North-East Asia	20 December 2018, Incheon, Republic of Korea	(i) NEAMPAN's first project, "Strengthening the subregional cooperation through knowledge sharing on sustainable management of MPAs" focusing on management strategies and monitoring/assessment of the designated NEAMPAN sites started (i) The first occasion for national experts to gather together to discuss on their preliminary findings and to ensure coherence among the studies on the NEAMPAN sites
NEAMPAN Project Review Meeting on Strengthening the Subregional Cooperation through Knowledge Sharing on Sustainable Management of Marine Protected Areas	30 April 2019, Incheon, Republic of Korea	(i) provide an opportunity for the key project experts to align on their current understanding of the studies under the project, Strengthening the Subregional Cooperation through Knowledge Sharing on Sustainable Management of Marine Protected Areas"
Third NEAMPAN Steering Committee Meeting	23 April 2021, virtual	(i) provided key points of discussion and consideration for the NEAMPAN Steering Committee to identify the NEAMPAN activities in 2021 and beyond, and operationalized the Strategic Plan
NEAMPAN Workshop 2021	15 July 2021, virtual	(ii) provided simultaneous interpretation services in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian to facilitate wider and active engagement from local MPA stakeholders (ii) indicated the need to expand NEAMPAN sites and requested the Secretariat to regularly communicate with NEAMPAN members
Webinar on climate change and MPAs; and Fourth Steering Committee meeting 2022	20 July 2022, virtual	(i) discussed the roles of MPAs and MPA networks to tackle climate change, and learned national and local-level policies and practices in North-East Asia