

# National Program on the Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management (ICARM) of the Republic of Korea

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The national program on integrated coastal and river basin management (ICARM) in the Republic of Korea is the outcome of the efforts of Korean people and all levels of governments to meet international commitment to protect the marine environment from negative effects of land-based activities.

The goal of the ICARM is to help to apply efficiently a high level of development of marine sciences and great progress in the study of coastal and offshore regions to ensure sustainable development. The ICARM is an integrated national initiative for the protection of the marine environment from negative impacts associated with land-based activities. Within ICARM, sewage, POPs, heavy metals, and physical alteration and destruction of habitats were given a high priority. Keeping current priorities, ROK has implemented national strategies to achieve the goal of ICARM by consolidation of coastal watershed management regime, site-specific and issue-dependent approach, strengthening decision making support system, public involvement, revision of legal and institutional framework, and cooperation between countries and local communities.



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