



Workshop 2: Coastal/Ocean Policy and Legislation: Implementation and New Initiatives

Relevant issues

- Countries in the East Asian Seas region are now making an effort to develop and implement national ocean/coastal policies that address ocean issues in a comprehensive and integrated manner.
- To develop and implement integrated ocean/coastal policy, countries can exchange knowledge and information, including successes and lessons learned from their initiatives.
- ICM is an important part of an integrated ocean/coastal policy. ICM is being mainstreamed in coastal management programs of local governments in the region.
- Political will and institutional arrangements play vital role in the development and implementation of an integrated national ocean/coastal policy.
- Sustainable development, environmental protection, and current climate change concerns are the imperatives for integrated ocean/coastal policy development and implementation.
- PEMSEA's ICM framework for sustainable development of coastal areas is an excellent tool, flexible enough to adapt to particular needs of this region.





Conclusions

- Each country aims to develop national ocean/coastal policy based on UNCLOS, although there may be variations in terms of coverage.
- National ocean/coastal policies have unique features but also have commonalities based on the international character of oceans. Thus, exchange of information and knowledge among countries is important. ICM is an important part of an integrated ocean/coastal policy and coastal management programs of local governments.
- Political will is important to integrate sectoral initiatives into a national ocean/coastal policy and to materialize this political will into institutional arrangements, and legislation.
- National ocean/coastal policy should address emerging issues, such as climate change, integrated management of land and sea, and economic development.
- Sustainability of ICM programs must be addressed.
- Communication and knowledge sharing between policy makers, stakeholders and scientists are important in ocean/coastal policy and ICM development and implementation.
- Marine education in schools and public outreach play an important role in raising awareness of ocean/coastal policy.



Recommendations

- Facilitate, through PEMSEA cooperative mechanism, exchange of information, knowledge and experience among countries the development and implementing of national ocean/coastal policies;
- Nest ICM in an integrated ocean/coastal policy;
- Enhance political will, through the efforts of ocean society, in order to expand the circle of politicians who understand the importance of comprehensive and integrated ocean/coastal policy and to encourage materialization of this political will into institutional arrangements and legislation;
- Incorporate in national ocean/coastal policy measures to address emerging issues, such as climate change, integrated management of land and sea, and economic development;
- Implement ICM within a framework for funding to be more accessible;
- Enhance communication and knowledge sharing between policy makers, stakeholders and scientists;
- Promote marine education at schools and public outreach;
- Harmonize ICM policy and implementation in national and local governments.

