



NOWPAP at Toyama International Exchange Festival

NOWPAP participated in the Toyama International Exchange Festival on 11 November 2012 and set up a booth to introduce NOWPAP and its activities. This annual event attracted several hundred foreigners living in Toyama as well as local people who could learn and experience different cultures.



NOWPAP attended GPWM Conference

NOWPAP representatives attended the Global Partnership on Waste Management (GPWM) Biennium Conference held in Osaka, Japan on 5-6 November 2012. Launched two years ago, GPWM is focusing on six focal areas: waste and climate change, marine litter, waste agriculture biomass, waste minimization, e-waste, and integrated solid waste management. Among the six focal areas, NOWPAP is interested in marine litter as it is also one of its priorities identified by member states. Since waste minimization and integrated solid waste management are also strongly associated with marine litter management, NOWPAP joined the GPWM in 2011.

17th NOWPAP IGM in Jeju

The 17th NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) was held in Jeju (Korea) on 1-2 November 2012. All NOWPAP member states (China, Japan, Korea and Russia) were represented as well as four NOWPAP Regional Activity Centres (RACs) and four major partners (PEMSEA, PICES, WESTPAC and YSLME). The meeting reviewed the implementation of the NOWPAP Programme of Work (PoW) 2012-13, including new project proposals, and discussed several important issues such as financing NOWPAP Regional Coordinating Unit, rotating Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator between Toyama and Busan offices, negotiating an agreement with International Maritime Organization and enhancing cooperation with partners. The meeting approved the report of the UNEP Executive Director on the implementation of NOWPAP, reports of four NOWPAP Regional Activity Centres on their progress in 2012 and the revised Terms of Reference for CEARAC (Special Monitoring and Environmental Assessment Regional Activity Centre) Focal Points Meeting. The 18th NOWPAP IGM will be held tentatively in December 2013 in Toyama, Japan.



NOWPAP Promotion at the Local Events

NOWPAP participated in two local public events in October 2012: the Global Gathering in Busan (Korea) and the Environmental Fair in Toyama (Japan) where NOWPAP promotional items were displayed and distributed. The Global Gathering brought diplomatic missions, international organizations, academic, cultural and social institutions based in Busan to showcase their activities for promoting international exchanges. The Toyama Environmental Fair also attracted many local people including 450 visitors who completed a survey on environmental protection prepared by the Northwest Pacific Region Environmental Cooperation Centre.



NOWPAP at PICES Annual Meeting

PICES 2012 Annual Meeting was held in Hiroshima, Japan on 12-21 October 2012. During the meeting, NOWPAP representatives attended several sessions, workshops, committee and working group meetings of interest to NOWPAP: addressing marine invasive species, harmful algal blooms (HAB), persistent organic pollutants, etc. Poster on NOWPAP activities and Medium-term Strategy was presented. Collaboration between NOWPAP and PICES was discussed on issues such as HAB, invasive species, marine litter, and possibility to establish new section of PICES on pollutants.

NOWPAP at Regional Seas Gathering

Joining colleagues from around the world, NOWPAP representative participated in the 14th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans on 1-3 October 2012 in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting focused on the ecosystem approach in the framework of the Region Seas Conventions and Action Plans and possible contribution of Regional Seas Programme to the World Ocean Assessment (Regular Process). In the context of implementation of the Regional Seas Programme, discussion covered a range of issues such as ecosystem based management, blue carbon, economics of ecosystems and biodiversity, green economy in the oceans, and marine protected areas. The meeting adopted Regional Seas Programme Strategic Directions 2013-2016, which reflect the essence of Rio+20 outcome, *The Future We Want*, on sustainable management of the marine and coastal environment and the UN Secretary General's *Oceans Compact* aiming for coordinating efforts of UN agencies, international financial institutions, civil society and the private sector. The next meeting will be held in the Caribbean region.



Meetings / events attended by RCU staff

- Meeting with MOFAT and MLTM of Korea, 8 October, Seoul, Korea
- Regional Workshop on Marine Invasive Species in the Northwest Pacific Region (hosted by NOWPAP DINRAC), 23-24 October, Qingdao, China
- Meeting with MLIT, MOFA and MOE of Japan, 24 October, Tokyo, Japan
- 4th Japan Ocean Policy Conference, 1 December, Tokyo, Japan
- UN Management Development Programme (second module), 4-6 December, Glen Cove, U.S.A.
- Workshop for the Japan Fund for Global Environment (JFGE) Grant Program Application for Fiscal Year 2013, 7 December, Osaka, Japan
- NEASPEC Senior Official Meeting, 20-21 December, Chengdu, China

Visits to www.nowpap.org

From 1 October to 31 December 2012, NOWPAP website had been visited 2,084 times, among which 50% were new visitors.



Missions / events planned for the 1st quarter 2013

- North Pacific Regional Workshop on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) organized by CBD Secretariat, 25 February – 1 March, Moscow, Russia
- Workshop on Marine Biodiversity organized by NOWPAP CEARAC, 13 March, Toyama, Japan
- 3rd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum, 18-20 March, Incheon, Korea
- COBSEA Intergovernmental Meeting, 26 March, Bangkok, Thailand