

Activities on marine biodiversity conservation in the NOWPAP region

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In the past ten years, various activities on biodiversity conservation in the NOWPAP region were implemented by the Regional Activity Centres (RACs) of NOWPAP. The following outputs were produced through these activities: (1) Report and database on marine protected areas (MPAs); (2) national reports and Atlas of invasive species; (3) database on endangered species; and (4) report on pressures on marine biodiversity in the NOWPAP region.

In 2012, NOWPAP Medium-Term Strategy (MTS 2012-2017) was approved by the NOWPAP member states. In the MTS 2012-2017, marine biodiversity conservation is one of the high priority issues in the NOWPAP region and it is planned to develop a Regional Action Plan on marine and coastal biodiversity (RAP BIO) which shows the future vision on marine and coastal biodiversity conservation in the NOWPAP region and roles of the NOWPAP member states and RACs. The development of the RAP BIO was not finished by 2017, and it has been expanded in the new NOWPAP Medium-Term Strategy (MTS 2018-2023).

In the 2018-2019 biennium, a new project on the development of a roadmap for RAP BIO was established. International consultants, nominated national experts and NOWPAP Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) and RACs have started discussions. NOWPAP RAP BIO will be developed in the 2022-2023 biennium.

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