

# Implementation of the Sustainable Nitrogen Management Resolution

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The [Sustainable Nitrogen Management Resolution](#) was adopted during the [fourth session of the United Nations Assembly](#), 11 to 15 March 2019. The core of the resolution calls for improved coordination of policies across the global nitrogen cycle at the national, regional and global levels; improved management of the global nitrogen cycle, through the sharing of assessment methodologies, best practices and emerging technologies for recovery and recycling of nitrogen; coordinated management of information to facilitate decisionmaking particularly around the quantification of health; and economic benefits and contributing to capacity building. The lead institutional node on nutrient pollution (of which reactive nitrogen is a part) within UNEP is the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), as concerns pollution of the marine environment.

A substantial part of implementation of the resolution will be under the UNEP-implemented ***Toward an International Nitrogen Management System (INMS)*** Project which was designed to focus on supporting countries take action to address the impacts of reactive nitrogen in the environment. The project will develop the evidence base to showcase the need for effective practices for global nitrogen management and highlight options to maximize the multiple benefits of better nitrogen use.

