



Draft Findings of the Desk Study on Prevention and Reduction of Nutrient Pollution

Virtual Workshop

3 March 2021

Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
14.00	Welcome, brief introduction	COBSEA Coordinator
14.05	Presentation of GPNM and work in other Regional Seas	Mahesh Pradhan, GPNM, UNEP
14.15	Presentation of the draft nutrient pollution desk review	Consultants
14.35	Input from COBSEA countries (3-5 min per country, in alphabetical order)	Representatives from COBSEA countries
15:30	Discussion including suggested follow-up	
15:55	Summary and closing	COBSEA Coordinator

COBSEA Strategic Directions 2018-2022

“...deterioration of coastal water quality and the coastal environment as a result of land-based pollution a central concern for COBSEA countries...”

Land-based pollution theme, focus on nutrients, sediments and wastewater

Purpose: prevent and reduce eutrophication and sedimentation and their impact

Measures: identification of sources, reduction and control

Activities: regional guideline; policy and information exchange; technical training and capacity building

... approach in line with the Regional Seas Strategic Directions, where relevant drawing on global partnerships established in the context of the GPA



COBSEA Nutrient study

Strategic Directions identifies general measures as well as activities, but does not provide further information or analysis to support implementation

=> Desk study

- to compile information that can be used to inform development and implementation of actions
- in collaboration with Global Partnership on Nutrient Management
- with funding from UNEP, through Ministry of Environment of Sweden support towards UNEP's work with Regional Seas

Follow-up

Findings arising from the desk study would be presented to the IGM on agreement by COBSEA countries

Development of actions must be country driven, and include consultation among all COBSEA countries as well as agreement through the IGM



COBSEA Project development

Steps recommended for project formulation, development and funding (EAS Action Plan para 37)

- aim at development of major regional projects, within the framework of the Strategy
- project development and formulation should be undertaken with full cooperation of NFPs and Secretariat
- in the formulation stage, due consideration should be paid to scientific aspects to ensure technical soundness
- approved projects should be funded by the Trust Fund and/or be presented to donors
- approved project proposals should be developed and presented through the Secretariat
- the Secretariat shall periodically solicit project proposals from competent national institutions or individuals for activities to further the objectives of the action plan



COBSEA Financial resources

Financial support for action plan activities may come from (EAS Action Plan para 69)

- participating governments; governments supporting the action plan but not participating in it;
- any UN organization; regional and international organizations not part of the UN System, bilateral and multilateral donors, mainly on a project-funding basis;
- any other source of funding agreed to by the participating governments.

Trust Funds

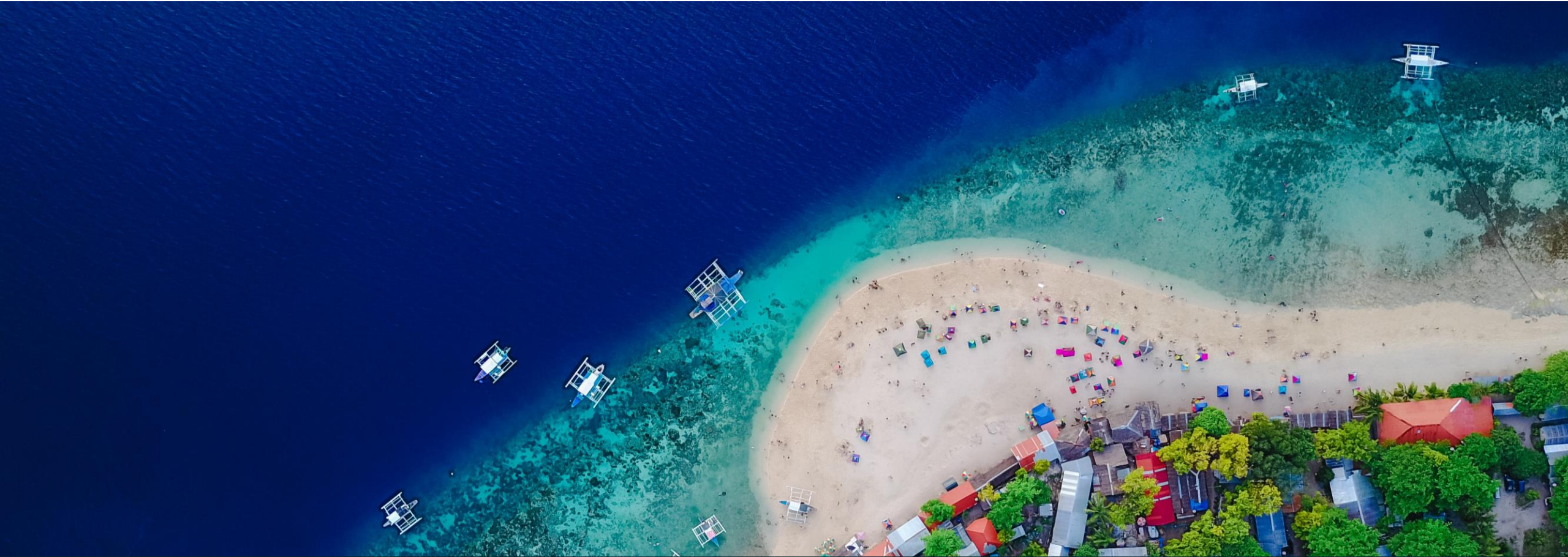
One for core functions including Secretariat and IGMs, one for activities. Current contributions from participating countries do not encompass funding for activities, nor project development

Financial rules

UN Financial Rules and Procedure, and Financial Rules and Procedure for COBSEA

Extra-budgetary funding also adheres to donors' conditions for grants





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