Addressing biodiversity issues within NOWPAP

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NOWPAP outline

- Established in 1994 by four member states.
- Annual Intergovernmental Meetings (IGMs).
- Four Regional Activity Centers (RACs) since 2002.
- Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) since 2005.
- Most activities are implemented by RACs after approval by IGM.

Some "bad history"

- In 2003, member states decided that NOWPAP should not deal with biodiversity (especially fisheries) issues as there are other global and regional programmes/bodies dealing with those.
- In 2004, one of DINRAC activities related to collecting information and data on biodiversity was postponed for more than 1 year because of that attitude of member states.

Fortunately, the situation is changing (slowly)

Initial compilation of BD information (2005-2007)

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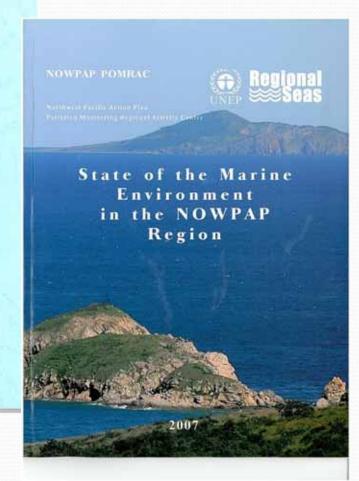
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Ongoing and planned activities, 2009-2011 (1)

NOWPAP Special Monitoring and Coastal Environmental Assessment Regional Activity Center (CEARAC), based in Toyama, Japan:

- In June 2009, completed development of a common procedure for eutrophication assessment for the NOWPAP region.
- In 2010-2011, will be developing a methodology for coastal environmental assessment focusing on marine biodiversity.

g and planned activities, 2009-2011 (2)

Data and Information Networks Regional enter (DINRAC), based in Beijing, China:

NOWPAP database of marine and coastal erves (linked to the WDPA).

11, will be visualizing the nature reserves web-based GIS.

