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PAME's first biannual meeting of 2017 (PAME I-2017) was held in Copenhagen, Denmark from 29 January – 1 February. Sunday the 29th of January was dedicated to pre-meetings of PAME's four thematic expert groups on shipping, marine protected areas, ecosystem approach to management and Arctic offshore resource exploration and development. The 2nd MPA connectivity workshop was held back-to-back with the PAME I-2017 meeting, from 2-3 February 2017.

Preparations for the 2017 Ministerial Meeting as per PAME I-2017:

PAME agreed to inclusion of new projects for the 2017-2019 work plan, deliverables for the 2017 Ministerial and a timeline to finalize projects that may still need further review and comments by PAME members.

Following is an agreed list of PAME deliverables to the 2017 Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting:

Framework for a Pan-Arctic Network of MPAs:

- ✓ Desktop study on area-based conservation measures and its linkages to categories of Arctic marine biodiversity 'Toolbox' project. *For SAO and Ministerial approval*
- ✓ Indicator Report on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). *For SAO and Ministerial approval*

Arctic Marine Shipping:

- ✓ 4th AMSA Implementation Progress Report for the period 2015-2017. *For information*
- ✓ CAFF/PAME Arctic Invasive Alien Species Strategy and Action Plan (ARIAS). *Submitted by CAFF for SAO and Ministerial approval*
- ✓ Terms of Reference for the Arctic Shipping Best Practices Information Forum. *For information*
- ✓ Final report on the Regional Reception Facilities plan and draft submission for IMO. *For SAO approval*
- ✓ MOU Among the Arctic States Regarding Arctic Ship Traffic Data Sharing. *For SAO approval and signature*

Arctic Offshore Resource Exploration and Development (REDEG):

- ✓ Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Communities in Marine Activities (MEMA) Part I Report. *For information*
- ✓ MEMA Workshop Report. *For information*

Ecosystem Approach to Management (EA):

- ✓ The 2015 – 2017 Progress Report of the Joint Ecosystem Approach Expert Group (EA-EG). *For information*

- ✓ The Summary Report of the International Science and Policy Conference on the Status of Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach in the Arctic. *For information*
- ✓ The report, Status of Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach to Management in the Arctic. *For SAO approval*

Other:

- ✓ 1st Report on progress/implementation of the 2015-2025 Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP). *For information*
- ✓ 2017-2019 PAME Work Plan and PAME 2015-2017 Achievements as part of the SAO Report to Ministers. *For SAO and Ministerial approval*

PAME Administration for Next Meeting:

Finland has offered to host the next PAME Meeting in Helsinki from 18-20 September 2017, back-to-back with the 3rd MPA Workshop 21-22 September 2017.

Observers and Invited Experts at the PAME I-2017 Working Group Meeting:

Germany, Italy, Korea, and the UK represented Observer states of the Arctic Council at the PAME I-2017 meeting. A representative from Italy gave a presentation on Italy's Arctic work and interests, in particular with respect to shipping activities. PAME decided to invite a representative of an Arctic Council Observer State (e.g., Germany) to submit a paper to PAME II-2017 and make a presentation at that meeting on its Arctic shipping interests and activities. A representative from the Korea Maritime Institute extended an invitation to PAME shipping experts to attend Korea's "2nd Arctic Partnership Week" in Korea (early December 2017) to discuss projects and issues on PAME's shipping agenda and explore increased collaboration with Arctic Council Observers on shipping related matters.

CCU, European Environment Agency, UNEP and WWF represented Observer Organizations. WWF presented the Arctic Council Conservation Scorecard methodology which aims to assist the Arctic Council with reporting and strategic planning. PAME invited WWF to submit an information paper to PAME II-2017 summarizing research on underwater noise and its effect on Arctic marine biodiversity.

Invited experts gave presentation on their Arctic-related activities and priorities of potential relevance to PAME i.e.:

- ✓ the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency of Germany gave a presentation on behalf of the WMO-IOC Joint Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM) Expert Team on Sea Ice (ETSI).
- ✓ The Danish Shipowners' Association.
- ✓ The Danish Ministry of Defence on Marine Environmental Risk – Concerning Waters in and Adjacent to Greenland and the Arctic.
- ✓ OSPAR on Offshore Industry Committee and Environmental Impacts of Human Activities Committee work, noting the synergies between OSPAR and PAME's Resource Exploration and Development Expert Group (REDEG).

PAME decided to include in its Work Plan 2017-2019 a project to develop an approach/framework for more systematically engaging with Observer States on PAME's shipping-related work, and identify opportunities for Observer States to contribute to and/or support such work.