PAME addresses marine policy measures and other measures related to the conservation and sustainable use of the Arctic marine and coastal environment in response to environmental change from both land and sea-based activities, including non-emergency pollution prevention control measures such as coordinated strategic plans as well as developing programs, assessments and guidelines, all of which aim to complement or supplement efforts and existing arrangements for the protection and sustainable development of the Arctic marine environment.

AREAS OF WORK:
- Arctic Shipping
- Marine Protected Areas
- Resource Exploration and Development
- Ecosystem Approach to Management
- Arctic Marine Pollution

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EXPERT GROUPS

SHIPPING
Promote safe and sustainable shipping in the Arctic.

MARINE LITTER
Support Arctic States’ efforts to reduce marine litter in the Arctic marine environment, prevent the potential negative impacts and mitigate the risks it may pose, and improve cooperation on and awareness of this shared objective.

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS
Support the development and management of an interconnected network of Marine Protected Areas.

RESOURCE EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Reduce the impacts of Arctic development on communities and the environment and seeks meaningful engagement between Arctic peoples and industry.

ECOSYSTEM APPROACH
Enhance the resilience of marine and coastal biodiversity and help to safeguard marine ecosystems and their functions.

FEATURED 2021 PUBLICATIONS

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ON MARINE LITTER IN THE ARCTIC
Focuses on Arctic-specific marine litter sources and pathways, and will guide Arctic States reducing the negative impacts of marine litter.

UNDERWATER NOISE POLLUTION FROM SHIPPING IN THE ARCTIC
Provides new knowledge on the impacts of shipping on the underwater soundscape.

MEMA PART II
Highlights good practices for meaningful engagement between proponents of activities in the Arctic and Indigenous peoples and local communities.

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN A CHANGING ARCTIC
Summarizes how climate change affects the Arctic marine environment and highlights marine protected areas as a tool for Arctic resilience.

ARCTIC SHIPPING STATUS REPORTS
Three publications assess changes in Arctic ship traffic and use of heavy fuel oil, and report on the Arctic Shipping Best Practice Information Forum.