

Abstract

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Technical and Policy Workshop
on Sustainable Nutrient
Management in Support of the
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Partnership on Nutrient
Management

Integration of Nutrient Management Agenda into the SDS-SEA Implementation Targets

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Countries in the East Asian Region have adopted the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) in 2003 as a framework for regional cooperation to achieve sustainable development of the region's coasts and oceans. The SDS-SEA also serves as platform for achieving the goals of key international agreements and actions plans and other related international agreements including the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Sources of Pollution (GPA), which addresses the effects of nutrient enrichment in the marine and coastal environment. Since 2003, the countries have undertaken steps to develop their respective multi-year SDS-SEA implementation plans as part of their regional commitment and also in consideration of the national and local priorities and targets for sustainable coastal development.

The presentation highlights the strategies and action programs contained in the SDS-SEA that addresses the impacts of land-based activities in the coastal and marine areas. It will show how mainstreaming of the GPA objectives, including nutrient management is undertaken as part of the strategic and operational planning processes of national and local governments.

An example on how the results of a collaborative project on the development of nutrient reduction strategies and investment plan being undertaken in the Philippines through the GEF/UNEP Glocal Nutrient Cycle are utilized to strengthen the implementation of the Operational Plan for the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy will be covered. An initiative at a smaller watershed with the objective of developing a pollution reduction management and rehabilitation plan in line with the Strategic Environmental Management Plan of Batangas Province, Philippines will also be presented.



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Ms. Bermas has extensive working experience in the East Asian Region developing, implementing and scaling up ICM and supporting policies and programs at the national and local government levels. She is involved in the development and implementation of ICM capacity building programs at the regional, national and site levels, and provides advice and technical support to stakeholders in the application of ICM processes and tools. Nancy has researched and written extensively on ICM and has numerous published works on the sustainability issues of the seas and coasts. Nancy holds a Masters Degree in Biology from the University of the Philippines.