

# Abstract

## SESSION 1:

A Decade of Partnerships in Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia: Synergies and Achievements

## WORKSHOP 1.3:

Coastal and Ocean Governance in the Seas of East Asia: from Nation to Region

## Ocean Policy Development in Japan

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For Japan, a role of the oceans for all mankind such as security of foods, ocean resources and energy, cargo transport and global environment has always been taking important position. At the same time, it is also important to take appropriate measures to deal with marine environmental protection, management of fishery resources and safety of coastal lines and maritime transport. In Japan, since it was necessary to establish executive structure and promote comprehensive and integrated approach to such ocean issues, Basic Act on Ocean Policy was enacted and enforced in 2007.

Under this Act, the Headquarters for Ocean Policy, the Director-General of which the Prime Minister serves as, was established in the Cabinet in order to promote measures with regard to the oceans intensively and comprehensively. And the Basic Plan on Ocean Policy was adopted in 2008 and revised in 2013. In the Plan, specific ocean measures that need to be comprehensively and systematically promoted in the coming five years, including measures to be taken in a focused manner and to be taken under close cooperation among related agencies, are stipulated for each of the twelve basic concepts set forth in the Basic Act on Ocean Policy.

Needless to say, the twelve basic concepts set forth in the policy include the one "Comprehensive Management of the Coastal Zones". In the policy, this concept is expected to be applied to implementing efforts of respective local entities on integrated overall management of land and marine areas in accordance with their respective peculiarities to develop their own plans to ensure coastal safety, good environment and attractive and autonomous regions.

In my presentation, I will explain the background and composition of the above-mentioned Act and Plan, as well as introduce some case of practical application of "Comprehensive Management of the Coastal Zones" stipulated therein.



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