



A partnership for progress

MEPSEAS is engaging regional, national and local partners, representing government, industry and NGOs. Greater participation by women is also being targeted - through partnering with the IMO programme on Integration of Women in Maritime Sector.

To “conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development” is a key target of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 14). MEPSEAS draws on the capacity and expertise already developed in the foundation project to intensify momentum towards this vital objective.



Geographical coverage



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MEPSEAS

Marine Environment Protection
of the South-East Asian Seas





A vital yet fragile environment

South-East Asia is dominated by the sea. With extensive coastlines and about 30% of the world's sea space under their jurisdictions, the countries of the ASEAN region have a vital influence on the health of the oceans.

The region's coastal and marine ecosystems are among the world's richest and most productive, with vast social and economic importance. Yet the pressure from increased shipping activity is immense – and growing.

The stakes are high.



Enhanced protection – through IMO

Through the MEPSEAS Project, IMO is helping to give this unique region the protection it needs

MEPSEAS is assisting participating developing countries address high-priority marine environment issues related to ships and shipping – in particular, implementing four of IMO's key international environmental conventions.

Funded by Norad (the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation), MEPSEAS is building on a successful four-year (2013-2017) foundation project that focused on accession to these conventions, prioritized by participating countries.

Over the next four years, **MEPSEAS** will shift the focus towards implementation of these conventions and continue to work with the countries to:

- build capacity to implement national-level legislation and strategies
- establish an inter-ministerial national task force to develop national action plans for implementation
- develop flag state implementation and port state control procedures
- increase uptake of best implementation practices and technical solutions
- train front line personnel responsible for implementing the conventions
- pilot implementation procedures at local level
- enhance regional cooperation and information sharing

Conventions covered by **MEPSEAS**:

Ballast Water
Management
Convention
(**BWM**)

Anti-fouling
Systems
Convention
(**AFS**)

Convention for the
Prevention of Pollution
from Ships
(**MARPOL**)

London Protocol
on Dumping of
Wastes at Sea
(**London Protocol**)

