



Arctic Council Arctic Marine Strategic Plan

2015-2025

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



PAME

Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment
A Working Group of the Arctic Council



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Introduction

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Implementation Overview

The 9th Arctic Council Ministerial meeting convened on 24th of April 2015 approved the Arctic Marine Strategic Plan for the period 2015-2025 as a framework to protect Arctic marine and coastal ecosystems and to promote sustainable development in the region.

The AMSP articulates how the Arctic Council can increase its understanding of the impacts of e.g., human activities, climate change and ocean acidification. The AMSP also recognizes the importance of acquiring a better understanding of Arctic change so that actions can be taken that allow Arctic inhabitants, including Arctic indigenous peoples to further adapt to the change. The strategic actions identified in the AMSP guide the work of the Arctic Council and its subsidiary bodies.

This 10-year implementation plan sets forth the methodology, process and approach to execute implementation of the AMSP.

The aim of the plan of Implementation for the AMSP 2015-2025 forty strategic actions is to provide a structured approach that tracks follow-up activities (new and ongoing) in close coordination and cooperation with other Arctic Council working groups through an with overall guidance from the Arctic Council SAOs and Ministers.

Implementation Structure

The AMSP sets out a range of actions that can be undertaken by the Arctic Council and its subsidiary bodies, in collaboration with Observers of the Arctic Council and other partners, as appropriate. There is also an opportunity for joint action among the Arctic states to promote these strategic actions in relevant international and regional fora.


The AMSP addresses both short-term and long-term challenges and opportunities. Achieving the goals of this Strategic Plan is dependent on cooperation and coordination among Arctic Council subsidiary bodies on marine-related activities.

AMSP Vision

Healthy, productive, and resilient Arctic marine ecosystems that support human well-being and sustainable development for current and future generations.



GOALS

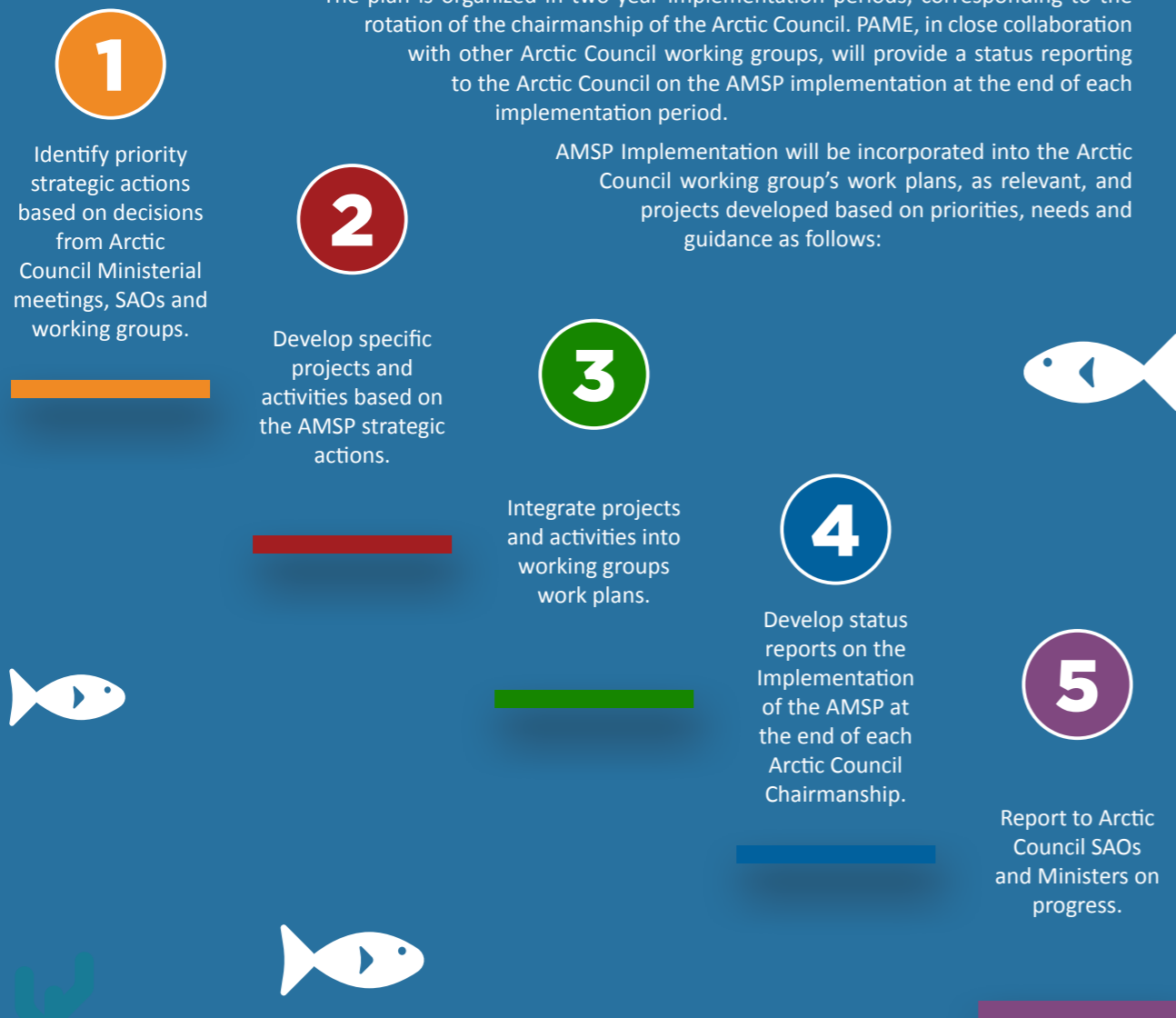
- 1** Improve knowledge of the Arctic marine environment, and continue to monitor and assess current and future impacts on Arctic marine ecosystems.
 - 2** Conserve and protect ecosystem function and marine biodiversity to enhance resilience and the provision of ecosystem services.
 - 3** Promote safe and sustainable use of the marine environment, taking into account cumulative environmental impacts.
 - 4** Enhance the economic, social and cultural well-being of Arctic inhabitants, including Arctic indigenous peoples and strengthen their capacity to adapt to changes in the Arctic marine environment.
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Implementation Steps

The Arctic Council working groups will coordinate and cooperate closely in implementing the plan, and the Arctic Council will need to look to governments and agencies for support and participation. There is also an opportunity for joint action among the Arctic states to promote these strategic actions in relevant international and regional fora.

The plan is organized in two-year implementation periods, corresponding to the rotation of the chairmanship of the Arctic Council. PAME, in close collaboration with other Arctic Council working groups, will provide a status reporting to the Arctic Council on the AMSP implementation at the end of each implementation period.

AMSP Implementation will be incorporated into the Arctic Council working group's work plans, as relevant, and projects developed based on priorities, needs and guidance as follows:



Reporting Template

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Progress will be reported every 2 years for Arctic Council Ministerial meetings. Such reporting will be a cross-working group effort with the aim to provide a one-page summary status per strategic action using a simple template i.e.:

Strategic Action 7.1.1

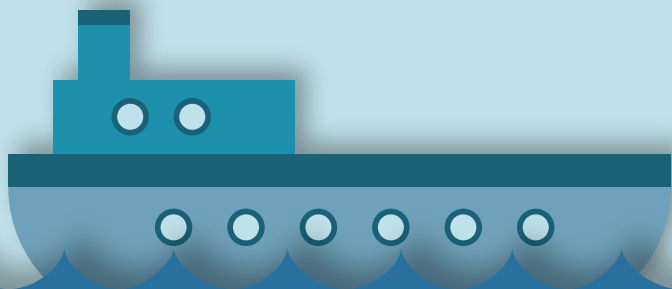
Strengthen scientific cooperation and joint monitoring among the Arctic states, and with other states, organizations and stakeholders involved in Arctic research or traditional and local knowledge, with a focus on prioritizing research issues, filling knowledge gaps, and developing mechanisms to share and exchange observational data.

Lead & Partners

Status

Evaluation Progress

The plan is organized in two-year implementation periods, corresponding to the rotation of the chairmanship of the Arctic Council. PAME will provide a status reporting on the AMSP implementation at the end of each implementation period. Prioritization of the strategic actions may be re-evaluated based on the prioritization of the Arctic Council and its working groups. A final report will be delivered for the 14th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in 2025.



ARCTIC SEAS AND COASTAL AREAS



Source: Digital chart of the world; Institut Géographique National français (IGN)
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