

Draft project plan on Updating the AMSP (2004)

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Recognizing the increased emphasis on the ecosystem approach to management (and integrated ocean management) as the foundation of the Arctic Councils' work and the essential need to apply the ecosystem approach to manage Arctic marine-related issues. In this regard PAME has agreed to invite all Arctic Council working groups working on marine-related issues to participate in the PAME led EA Expert Group on the ecosystem approach to management according to its terms of reference.

Background:

The Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP) was adopted by the Arctic Council in 2004. It contains objectives for the management of the Arctic marine environment with related strategic actions. The Arctic Marine Strategic Plan was developed in response to the recognition that

"...existing and emerging activities in the Arctic warrant a more coordinated and integrated strategic approach to address the challenges of the Arctic coastal and marine environment..."

Since the AMSP was adopted in 2004, the Arctic marine environment has been subject to increasing pressures from climate change, economic activities and pollution. The Arctic Council is at the forefront of responses to these emerging issues through the development of in-depth reports and assessments, such as the State of the Arctic Environment Report, the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment (ACIA), the Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA), the Arctic Oil and Gas Assessment (AOGA), and ongoing work such as the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (ABA), ~~and the Arctic Ocean Review (AOR)~~ [and the Recommended Practices for Arctic Oil Spill Prevention \(RP3\)](#).

The working groups of the Arctic Council AMAP, PAME, CAFF, EPPR and SDWG indicate that most strategic actions of the AMSP have been completed or are progressing according to plan, to be concluded within this or the next workplan period (as per Annex I).

The Implementation section in the AMSP states that:

“...PAME, in collaboration with all Arctic Council subsidiary bodies, will lead a review of the Strategic Plan by 2010, or another date specified by the Council, to determine its adequacy in light of the results of ongoing assessments and national and regional reporting.”

Therefore, it is timely for the PAME Working Group, in cooperation with the other Arctic Council working groups, to update and expand, as relevant, the AMSP (2004) to secure that the future marine management of the Arctic marine environment is coordinated between the working groups, with the objective of is the effective implementation of integrated ocean management through an ecosystem-based approach. This should also include a review of how relevant measures are being implemented.

The overall Goals:

The overall goals of the the AMSP strive for:

- That the Arctic marine environment to be managed using an integrated, ecosystem approach to management.
- That the Cumulative environmental effects do not exceed a level at which structure, functioning and productivity of ecosystems and biodiversity are maintained.

Based on this, there is a need to update and expand, as relevant, the AMSP (2004) to secure that the future management of the Arctic marine environment is coordinated between the working groups, based on ecosystem-based approach, and that results are effectively implemented.

This will ensure that marine-related activities in the different working groups collectively work towards integration in assessing impacts on the Arctic marine environment and addressing key pressures. This will facilitate the development of policy recommendations.

Integrated approaches will contribute to better informed decisions on sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic, benefitting Arctic ecosystems and its residents, in particularly indigenous people.

Rationale:

The stewardship of the Arctic marine environment is of particular importance to the Arctic States. Since the AMSP was adopted in 2004, the Arctic marine environment has been, and will continue to be subject to increasing pressures from climate change, economic activities and pollution.

Most of the strategic actions in the AMSP have been accomplished, or are in the process of being finalized. Through the review of the AMSP the Arctic Council will take the leadership in the development of integrated marine management for the Arctic marine environment.

The update of the AMSP will provide the building blocks towards more coordinated and integrated approaches and support policy decisions at the local, national, regional and at the international levels.

A revision of the AMSP supports the common objectives and priorities for the Norwegian, Danish and Swedish chairmanships of the Arctic Council (2006-2013), in particular the theme of integrated management, and supports a sustainable and ecosystem-based approach to resource development in the Arctic marine environment.

It also responds to commitments by the global community to sustainable development and protection of marine biodiversity and the marine environment through the application of the ecosystem approach and integrated coastal and ocean management.

Principles to be followed:

1. Framework - The application of an integrated, coordinated ecosystem based approach to management.

Comment [TB1]: I guess this refers to the implementation matrix. As I'm unsure as to when it was last updated, I've left it out. Please feel free to include it again if you think it is useful. Otherwise I'm of the opinion that the 'consultant' should do a proper update.

2. Relevant and timely - Topics must meet the needs of users in a timely fashion, in particular those from decision-makers and northern residents, particularly indigenous people.

Partnerships

PAME I 2011 decided to invite all Arctic Council working groups working on marine related issues, Permanent Participants (PPs) and observers to participate in a PAME led Expert Group on Ecosystem Approach to Management (EA). As the review of the AMSP is seen as an activity at the Arctic Council level, this group will also be asked to contribute to the review of the AMSP.

Comment [TB2]: Not relevant as it was presented

Approach:

At PAME I-2012 it was decided that the **main implementation** of the project would be postponed until shortly after the Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Kiruna, Sweden, in May 2013. The rationale behind the postponement is that the update of the AMSP will depend on the outcomes and recommendations from several key Arctic Council projects and studies, e.g the ABA, the AOR and the RP3 as mentioned above.

Prior to the **main implementation** phase of the project, there will be an **outreach and scoping phase**. PAME chair will invite representatives from the other AC Working Groups, the Permanent Participants and other relevant stakeholders to contributing towards an updated AMSP. If deemed relevant, PAME will also invite the other AC Working Groups and Permanent Participants to be part of a small scoping and drafting group. Included in the outreach and scoping phase, will be a scoping workshop with broad participation. The scoping workshop is tentatively planned for June 2013.

The co-leads will need assistance in preparing for the main implementation phase and the scoping workshop. Thus, they plan to engage an external expert to assist with, but not limited to, the following tasks:

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- Go through Arctic Council reports and extract the marine information that will be of relevance to the update of the AMSP
- Identify other key international marine policies and reports that will be of relevance to the update of the AMSP and present an extract of the information gathered.
- Make an update of the implementation of the AMSP 2004, and present it in a format that can be printed and distributed
- Assist the co-leads in organizing the scoping workshop incl. workshop report and follow-up
- Assist the co-leads in drafting the updated AMSP

This work is proposed to be accomplished in the following two phases:

Phase I (2011-2013): The PAME led EA Expert Group will carry out a scoping process addressing collective needs, priorities and contributions and how these issues can be integrated into an updated AMSP. The delivery from AMSP Phase I should include a suggested outline for a future AMSP to be submitted to the respective working groups for consideration:

[Confirmed Co-leads: Norway and US](#)

Phase II (2013-2015): Further develop the AMSP based on Phase I and outcomes from other relevant Arctic Council assessments/projects/monitoring programs, emerging trends, pressures and priorities. Develop new strategic actions within the framework of integrated ocean management. Submit the AMSP for adoption by the Arctic Council Ministers in 2015.

[Confirmed Co-leads: Canada, Norway and USA](#)

Budget: NOK 450.000.-

Timeline:

- February 2013: Outreach to other AC Working Groups, Permanent Participants and relevant stakeholders
- February/March 2013: Selection of external expert to assist the co-leads

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- [End of May 2013: End of May 2013: First draft compilation report on relevant AC and international reports, studies and policies](#)
- [Mid-June 2013: Scoping workshop](#)
- [June/July 2013: Summary of scoping workshop and draft structure and core content of the updated AMSP](#)
- [July/August 2013: Consultations on draft structure and core content](#)
- [September 2013: Presentation at PAME II-2013](#)
- [October 2013: Second draft sent out for consultations in the scoping/drafting group](#)
- [October/November 2013: Consultations](#)
- [December 2013: Third draft sent out for consultations in MS together with draft AMSP 2004 implementation report](#)
- [December 2013/January 2014: Consultations](#)
- [January/February 2014: Final draft sent out in preparation for PAME I-2014](#)
- [February/March 2014: Final discussions and approval at PAME I-2014](#)
- [March 2014: Updated AMSP and AMSP implementation report submitted to/presented to SAOs](#)
- [May 2014: Updated AMSP and AMSP implementation report submitted to/presented at AC Deputy Ministerial Meeting](#)

OVERALL DRAFT BUDGET

Total budget (at PAME Secretariat/Icelandic account) = NOK 405.000,-

Item	Budget	Comments
External expert	NOK 150-200.000	Depends on nationality, i.e hourly rate (Norwegians tend to be more expensive...)
Scoping workshop, June, Iceland?	NOK 150.000	Soffia: please correct
Editing and printing of implementation report	NOK 75.000	Soffia: please correct
Editing and printing of AMSP 2014	NOK 75.000	Soffia: please correct
Total	NOK 450-500.000¹	

¹ Any overspending could be covered by reallocation from other PAME projects supported by Norway if money left or application for fresh funds in 2014 (small amount)

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- Assist the co-leads in drafting the updated AMSP

Timeline:

- Mid-April 2014: Expert to present draft scoping workshop programme to co-leads
- End of May 2013: First draft compilation report on relevant AC and international reports, studies and policies (Background paper for scoping workshop)
- Mid-June 2013: Scoping workshop
- June/ Summary of scoping workshop and draft structure and core content of the updated AMSP sent to co-leads and scoping/drafting team
- July 2013: Summary of scoping workshop and draft structure and core content of the updated AMSP sent out broadly in AC
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Requirements:

- In-depth knowledge of the AC and the AC Working Groups
- In-depth knowledge of the AMSP 2004
- Competence in EA/EbM and marine management
- Familiarity of international marine policies and studies
- Experience from similar exercises (in the past X years?)

Budget Expert:

NOK 150-200.000.-

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Comment [TB6]: I'd propose that you let the expert do a draft, but co-leads has the final say. The content of the workshop will influence the background papers to be developed

Comment [TB7]: Expert or co-leads? ToR will have to be clear on who

Comment [TB8]: Will depend on nationality?