

DRAFT!! Details on EA Work Plan items 2015-2017

The work of the Joint Ecosystem Approach (EA) Expert Group (EA-EG) is based on the (to be agreed) ToR and is structured according to the six identified elements in the framework for implementation of the EA.

- 1) Contribute to development of ecological objectives
 - a. Convene a workshop (the 5th EA workshop) on the issue of ecological objectives, summer 2015
 - b. Prepare a scoping white paper on the issue of developing Ecological Objectives by Arctic States, PPs, and AC working groups – Autumn 2015 (PAME II-2015 and other WGs)
 - c. Prepare a Report "Status of Setting Ecological Objectives in the Arctic" for the SAO meeting spring 2017 (By LMEs, by Work Group)
- 2) Follow up actions on Integrated Ecosystem Assessments
 - a. Consider methodological developments in IEA in collaboration with ICES (ICES WGs on IEA for Barents Sea, Norwegian Sea) and other relevant organizations
 - b. Contribute to/review progress in the development of Transboundary Beaufort project
 - c. Review and report on progress on work on IEA in other Arctic LMEs (e.g. Barents, Bering, Chukchi, Beaufort, Baffin) including experiences from AMAP AACA-C and CAFF CBMP
 - d. Prepare a Status Report "Work on Integrated Ecosystem Assessments of Arctic LMEs" – Autumn 2016/Spring 2017
- 3) Implementation of EA in the Arctic
 - a. Convene a workshop (possible 6th EA workshop) or conference on the status of implementing the EA in the Arctic – spring/summer 2016
 - b. Prepare a workshop report or conference proceedings – Autumn 2016
 - c. Prepare a 2017 Report to Ministers "Status of Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach to Management in the Arctic" (By LME, by Work Group)
- 4) Consider issues of scale in EA
 - a. Prepare a scoping document on the relationships between the specific ecosystem (LME) scale and the wider pan-Arctic (and global) scale(s) – Autumn 2015
 - b. Prepare a scoping document on use of information on identified areas of heightened ecological and cultural significance for assessment and management purposes within LMEs – Spring 2016
- 5) Supporting activities
 - a. Support development of a network of experts (community of practice) working to implement EA in the Arctic
 - b. Support development of a bibliographic resource that identifies key works in EA and IEA
- 6) Reporting
 - a. The EA-EG will provide half-yearly progress reports on the work to PAME and the other AC WGs