

PAME I-2019: Annotation to agenda 10.4

AMSP Strategic Actions Implementation Matrix: Arctic Council Working Groups status and next steps

The Arctic Council’s Arctic Marine Strategic Plan 2015-2025 (AMSP) provides a framework to guide its actions to protect Arctic marine and coastal ecosystems and to promote sustainable development.






Reports on progress of the implementation of the AMSP will be submitted regularly to the Senior Arctic Officials. Subject to direction from SAOs and Arctic Council Ministers, PAME, in collaboration with all Arctic Council subsidiary bodies, will also lead a review of the Arctic Marine Strategic Plan. Under the direction of SAOs, PAME will, in consultation with other Arctic Council working groups and permanent participants, develop a communication plan to support understanding and involvement in the implementation of this Strategic Plan.

PAME has updated the Implementation Matrix, a table in Word format, in a living document that will be used to track progress of the Arctic Council in implementing the AMSP strategic actions. Each Working Group has provided status on the implementation of the AMSP strategic actions as relevant to their respective work plan activities. The field for “External bodies” has also been updated to some extent.

It is proposed that for the 3rd AMSP Implementation reporting, PAME will look for inspiration in other tracking tools, such as CAFF’s Arctic Biodiversity Assessment’s tracking tool, where each Working Group has listed their activities and outlined how they tie in with the ABA recommendations; and the Marine Protected Areas Review document, and other tracking tools identified.

Use Excel for future updates and review the headings and information to be inserted and look into labelling initiatives and actions as follows:

- **Complete:** when a deliverable fully addresses a recommendation
- **Ongoing:** when they are part of a long-term AC strategy and are not designed to be completed but are more of an evolving nature. Initiatives are labelled as scheduled when work is currently underway and aligned to the timeline issued in the work plan of the respective WG.
- **Delayed:** when they have been identified in the work plan of a WG and fallen behind schedule.
- **Not been started:** when issues have been identified in workplans, yet no action has been taken.

Status	Definition
	<i>Complete</i>
	<i>Ongoing</i>
	<i>Scheduled</i>
	<i>Delayed</i>
	<i>Not Started</i>

PAME I-2019 Actions requested:

- ✓ Review and revise as relevant the PAME activities (inserted by the PAME Secretariat as a guidance).
- ✓ Agree to a process/timeline to finalize the AMSP Implementation Report for submission to SAOs and Ministers. The Following timeline is proposed:
 - Feb 12: Revised draft version submitted to SAOs for approval.
 - March-April: Revised based on comments to include links to reports/activities (as relevant) and circulate final draft to PAME, including proposed layout.
 - April-May: preparation for release of the document i.e. final layout and printing.