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Progress on APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report

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Progress on APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report

Background

The APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report (hereinafter as the Report) was proposed by China and approved by APEC 1st OFWG meeting in Kazan, May 2012. The Report aims to highlight the importance of ocean in sustainable development of APEC Region, analyze the status, trends, challenges and best practices in marine sustainable development and propose recommendations for enhancing trade, investments, marine environmental protection and marine economic development.

Report Framework (v2.0)

After the Report initiative, the major progress has been achieved with great effort done by all economies, in particular, the Report experts drafting group, including, firstly, the draft framework (v2.0) was developed through several rounds of discussions and revisions among all economies. Secondly, the international experts drafting group was established with nominations from China, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Korea, Russia, Chinese Taipei, and United States.

The Report framework is drafted in line with the APEC OFWG priorities of APEC economies on marine sustainable development and on the basis of conclusions of the outcomes of APEC Leaders' and Oceans-Related Ministerial Meetings. The draft framework (v2.0) was initially drafted by Chinese experts group and revised based on the comments and recommendations on the workshop of Developing the Framework of APEC Marine sustainable Development Report held in Tianjin, on Dec. 8th, 2012, then further revised on the comments from all economies, in particular, United States, and finally developed on the workshop of the experts drafting group held in Xiamen on June 6th, 2013.

The Report is composed of two parts. Part I is *General Report of APEC Marine Sustainable Development*, which is a general reflection of APEC ocean and coastal environment and resources, and an overall review of marine sustainable development progress. Part I includes four Chapters, namely as Chapter 1 *Introduction*; Chapter 2 *The Importance of the Ocean to APEC Sustainable Development*; Chapter 3 *The Progresses of Marine Sustainable Development in APEC Economies*, and Chapter 4 *Challenges and Future Prospects of APEC Marine Sustainable Development*. Part II is *Collection of Reports on Marine Sustainable Development of the APEC Economies*, which is a collection of individual reports on economies' marine sustainable development activities and practice.

After rounds of discussion and meetings, several issues still need further discussion, such as which aspects of blue economy should be included, whether Ocean Health Index can be considered as a reference indicator and how to make use of the Report.

Next step working plan

Since June 2013, the Report is moving to the drafting process. The first version of draft Report is expected to be completed by December, 2013 and circulated to APEC economies for comments before March, 2014. The draft Report is planned to be presented to the 3rd OFWG meeting for endorsement in June or July, 2014.

The Report is a collective work of APEC economies on reporting the holistic health and sustainability of oceans in APEC region. Related information, material, suggestions, and any form of assistance from economies are highly encouraged and welcomed by the Report experts drafting group.

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Introduction

- **The Report initiative was proposed by China and approved on the 1st APEC OFWG meeting in May 2012**
- **The Report aims to:**
 - highlight the importance of Ocean in APEC region
 - analyze the status, trends and challenges of marine sustainable development within APEC
 - propose recommendations
- **Major progress achieved:**
 - developed the Report Framework (V2.0)
 - established the experts drafting group of the Report with nominations from China, HongKong, China, Indonesia, Korea, Russia, Chinese Taipei, and United States



Process of the Framework Drafting

- **First stage**(July-Nov.2012) :
 - The Report framework(v1.0) was drafted through several rounds of discussion among Chinese experts group.
- **Second stage** (Dec.2012 -Feb.2013):
 - *The workshop on developing the framework of APEC Marine Sustainable Development report* was held on Dec. 8th, 2012 in Tianjin, China with 28 representatives from APEC Secretariat and 10 APEC economies, including Chile, China, Indonesia, Korea, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russia, Chinese Taipei, and Viet Nam.

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- Representatives agreed that
 - the drafted framework is comprehensive and covers the necessary elements of the Report.
 - the Report is composed of Part I-the General report and Part II-collection report of each APEC economy.
 - the Report is an outcome of joint efforts of APEC economies.
 - the aims of the Report
 - The Report should clarify clearly the relationship between the blue economy and the green economy, the blue economy and sustainable development, and the resources and environment.
 - The Report is expected be completed by 2014 APEC OFWG meeting, and will be updated every four years.

- Chinese expert group revised the draft framework (v1.0) based on the comments and suggestions from the Tianjin workshop. The revised framework and the minutes of the workshop were distributed to APEC Secretariat and all the participants for further review in Jan. 2013 and then adopted.
- Later, the minutes and the draft framework (v1.0) were circulated to all APEC Economies for adoption in Jan. 2013 and received general comments from US on Feb. 6, 2013.

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- **Third stage (March-June 2013):**

- the Framework (v1.5) was introduced based on the final comments from US received on May 21, 2013.
- *The 2nd Symposium on Developing the APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report* was held on June 6, 2013 in Xiamen, China with drafting experts from China, Indonesia, Korea and United States.



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- Outcomes of Xiamen Workshop
 - Agreement on using *proposing recommendations* instead of *policy recommendations* or *tangible proposals* in the Report
 - Overall, the participants agreed that we are not trying to define what blue economy is in this document, but the efforts done by some member economies on developing or better understanding Blue Economy could not be ignored, including practices and possible pathways etc.. and there was consensus that the Report would benefit from inclusion of information on economies' efforts related to blue economy
 - Delay the inclusion of Ocean Health Index after later discussion

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Main Points of The Framework(v2.0)

- **Executive Summary**
- **Part I: General Report of APEC Marine Sustainable Development**
- **Part II: Collection of Reports on Marine Sustainable Development of the APEC Economies**

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Part I: General Report of APEC Marine Sustainable Develop



Chapter1. Introduction

- 1.1 Oceans and Sustainable Development
- 1.2 The Understanding of Marine Sustainable Development in APEC
- 1.3 Aims of the Report

Chapter2. The Importance of the Ocean to APEC Sustainable Development

- 2.1 Natural and socio-economic aspects in the Asia-Pacific Region
- 2.2 Providing for sustained economic benefits
- 2.3 Enabling contributions of fisheries resources to food security and local livelihoods
- 2.4 Enabling sustainable development of coastal communities

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Part I: General Report of APEC Marine Sustainable Develop



Chapter3. The Progress of Marine Sustainable Development in APEC Economies

- 3.1 Contribution of ocean sectors to the APEC Economies
- 3.2 Sustainable management and protection of the marine environment
- 3.3 Sustainable management and protection of the marine resources
- 3.4 Disaster risk reduction and resilience
- 3.5 Capacity building
- 3.6 Cooperation
- 3.7 Best practices

Chapter4. Challenges and Future Prospects of APEC Marine Sustainable Development

- 4.1 Threats to APEC's ocean and coastal resources
- 4.2 Factors affecting ocean sustainability
- 4.3 Recommendations for APEC marine sustainable development

Issues for Discussion

- **Blue Economy**

- There was no consensus on exact language (whether or not to mention the trend/key elements of development of Blue Economy) in the Framework

- **How will the Report be used**

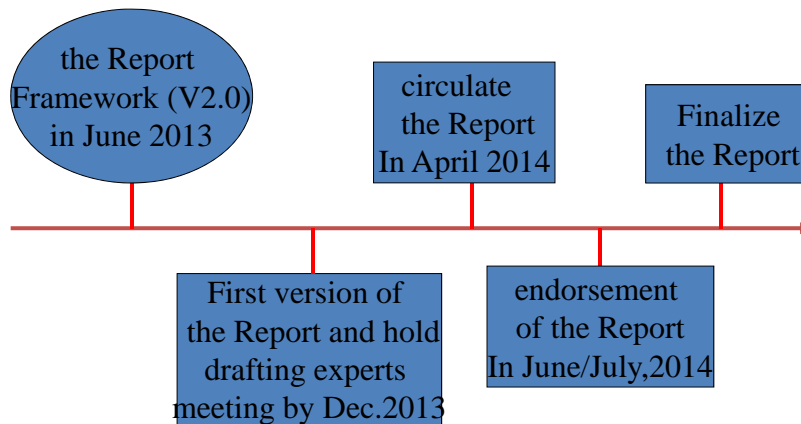
- Fruit for APEC leaders for future policy consider
- Outcome for OFWG and other professional organization for marine sustainable development actions & plans
- Publication for public as source of knowledge

Future Work



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- Present the draft Report to the APEC Secretariat, and hopefully to the Leaders' Meeting next year



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