



Dongying Declaration on Building a “Blue Economy” through Integrated Coastal Management

2011 PEMSEA Network of Local Governments
for Sustainable Coastal Development Forum

Dongying City, People’s Republic of China
26 July

1. We, the representatives of local governments and stakeholders of the countries of the Seas of East Asia region, have gathered this day in Dongying on the occasion of the 10th PNLG Forum, mindful of our commitments and responsibilities in promoting sustainable coastal development through integrated coastal management (ICM).
2. We reaffirm our strong commitment as a Non-Country Partner of PEMSEA in implementing the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), which recognizes ICM as an effective management framework and a systematic approach to achieve sustainable development of the coastal and marine areas.
3. We appreciate the recognition of the crucial role of the PNLG members in achieving the target set by PEMSEA partners to cover at least 20 percent of the East Asian Seas region’s coastline with ICM programs by 2015.
4. We therefore remain steadfast in our commitment to share the knowledge and experience as advocates of ICM particularly in developing, demonstrating, maintaining and continually improving the application of ICM across the region to contribute towards achieving the 20 percent target.
5. We celebrate the continuing expansion of the PNLG as more local governments and stakeholders acknowledge the value of the Network as an effective platform for information exchange and in promoting our advocacy on ICM.
6. Inspired by the increasing interest on the new concept of Blue Economy, we reaffirm our commitment to be responsive to the requirements of building a Blue Economy for the region by taking an active role in ICM implementation and scaling up.
7. We agree on and endeavor to take the following actions to achieve the key targets in the PNLG Strategic Action Plan for 2011-2015, as agreed in the 2010 PNLG Forum in Chonburi, in support of SDS-SEA implementation and in building a Blue Economy:
 - a. **Mainstream ICM strategies, objectives and targets** into the local government development plans for sustainable marine and coastal development and for building a Blue Economy.
 - b. **Implement the PEMSEA ICM Code and Recognition System** across 50 percent of the PNLG local government membership by 2015 as a certification of local government achievement and success in sustainable coastal development through ICM implementation.

PNLG Member Local Governments:

- Sihanoukville, Cambodia
- Dongying, PR China
- Fangchenggang, PR China
- Haikou, PR China
- Haiyang, PR China
- Laoting, PR China
- Lianyungang, PR China
- Quanzhou, PR China
- Xiamen, PR China
- Badung, Indonesia
- Bali, Indonesia
- Buleleng, Indonesia
- Denpasar, Indonesia
- Gianyar, Indonesia
- Jakarta, Indonesia
- Jembrana, Indonesia
- Karangasem, Indonesia
- Klungkung, Indonesia
- Sukabumi, Indonesia
- Tabanan, Indonesia
- Port Klang, Malaysia
- Bataan, Philippines
- Batangas, Philippines
- Cavite, Philippines
- Guimaras, Philippines
- Changwon, RO Korea
- Shihwa, RO Korea
- Chonburi, Thailand
- Danang, Vietnam
- Quangnam, Vietnam

PNLG Associate Members:

- Coastal and Ocean Management Institute, Xiamen University, PR China
- First Institute of Oceanography, State Oceanic Administration, PR China

Observer Local Governments:

- Nampho, DPR Korea
- Panjin, PR China
- Qingdao, PR China
- Wenchang, PR China
- Yangjiang, PR China

- c. **Apply the State of the Coasts reporting system** across 100 percent of PNLG local government membership by 2015 to identify and validate social, economic and environmental status and changes in coastal and marine areas, and measure progress and impacts of ICM implementation among local governments of the region.
 - d. **Co-organize an annual regional forum for Local Chief Executives on ICM scaling up**, in collaboration with the PEMSEA Resource Facility and the Xiamen World Ocean Week, to promote and encourage Local Chief Executives from around the region to develop, implement and extend ICM as a tool for sustainable development around the region.
 - e. **Co-organize site-specific capacity development programs**, in collaboration with responsible national agencies, local government networks and the PEMSEA Resource Facility, as appropriate, to foster improved awareness, understanding and management and technical skills in ICM implementation.
 - f. Engage local governments within each PNLG member to develop and implement ICM and to join the PNLG, and **achieve a 100 percent increase in PNLG membership** by 2015.
8. We will report on the progress towards meeting these targets on an annual basis during the PNLG Forum.
 9. We call on PEMSEA, as the regional mechanism for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, to provide technical advice and assistance and to promote cooperation in education and training activities related to ICM and sustainable coastal and marine development.
 10. We encourage international organizations, donors, scientific and technical organizations, the academe and the business sector to partner with local governments in their quest to develop and implement ICM programs.
 11. We thank the Municipal Government of Dongying of the People's Republic of China for graciously hosting the 2011 PNLG forum as well as its efforts in ensuring the success of the forum.

Adopted in Dongying City, People's Republic of China this Twenty Sixth Day of July in the Year Two Thousand and Eleven.