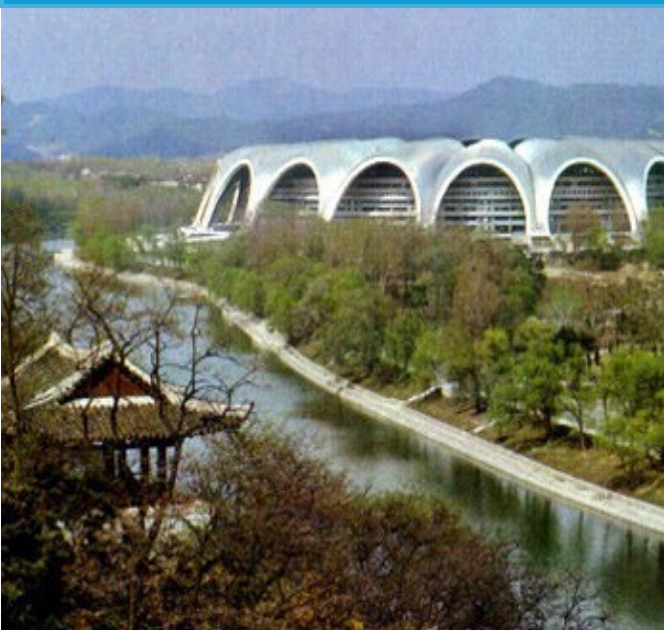




History of DPR KOREA's Engagement in the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia

1993	Participated in the establishment of a regional GEF/UNDP/IMO project on Marine Pollution Prevention in the East Asian Seas (MPP-EAS).
2000	Joined the continuation of the regional GEF/UNDP/IMO MPP-EAS phase 2. This led to the establishment of national integrated coastal management (ICM) demonstration sites in Nampho which aimed to conserve critical coastal ecosystem and habitats and prevent marine pollution.
2001	The Nampho project inception workshop was held in January 2001 in Pyongyang. The inception workshop was a platform to engage all relevant agencies in identifying environmental management issues in the project site and a positive first step toward implementing ICM.
2003	Participated in the East Asian Seas Congress 2003 and the 1st Ministerial Forum hosted by the government of Malaysia and PEMSEA. Along with other PEMSEA country partners, adopted the Putrajaya Declaration of Regional Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia. It also endorsed the shared regional framework called the 'Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia' with 11 other countries in the region.
2004	The National Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Training Center was established at Kim Il Sung University on July 12, 2004 under the sub-contract "Establishment and Operation of National ICM Training Center, DPR Korea" with funding support from UNDP/GEF/IMO Regional Programme "Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia" (PEMSEA).
2006	Participated in the East Asian Seas Congress 2006 and the 2nd Ministerial Forum and signed the Haikou Partnership Agreement which transformed PEMSEA from a project-based arrangement to the a regional coordinating mechanism to ensure the effective implementation of the SDS-SEA. The project for National Demonstration Site in Nampho, DPRKorea ended with a culminating activity of a National Consultation Forum for the 3rd phase initiative of PEMSEA cooperation at Pyongyang Koryo Hotel.
2009	Executive Director Stephen Adrian Ross visited the National ICM Training Centre in Kim Il Sung University and Nampho City, the national ICM demonstration site and discuss in-depth the practical issues on further scaling up the cooperation from PEMSEA. The project entitled "Development of Strategies for the Implementation of the SDS-SEA in DPRKorea" had been implemented in cooperation with PEMSEA DPRK participated in the East Asian Seas Congress 2009 and the 3rd Ministerial Forum. It signed the Manila Declaration on Strengthening the Implementation of the Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) for Sustainable Development and Climate Change Adaptation in the Seas of East Asia and the Agreement Recognizing the International Legal Personality of the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia. DPR Korea was one of 9 countries that signed Agreement Recognizing the International Legal Personality of PEMSEA.
2011	PEMSEA and the General Bureau for Cooperation with International Organizations (GBCIO) agreed to implement the project entitled " National Training of Trainers ICM Course/and ICM Course 1 Manual Translation " with financial support from SIDA/ SENSEA on January 24, 2011.

An ICM Training of Trainers Course 1, was conducted jointly by the General Bureau for Cooperation with International Organizations (GBCIO) and PEMSEA on March 30 - April 1, 2011 at Yanggak-do Hotel, Pyongyang City, DPR Korea. The Training of Trainers Course1 was attended by twenty-seven (27) participants from the national and local agencies/institutions, research institutions and universities such as GBCIO, the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection (MLEP), State Hydro-meteorological Administration (SHMA), the Ministry of Land and Marine Transportation, People's Committee of Nampho City (PCNC) and Kim Il Sung University etc., who have been involved in ICM-related activities and who are directly responsible in ICM scaling up activities in DPR Korea.

2012

DPRKorea submitted the SDS-SEA Country Report Card (2003-2011)

2015

The DPRKorea invited PEMSEA to Pyongyang and Wonsan in order to re-establish collaborative relationship between two parties. Both parties also agreed to designate Wonsan as an ICM site. PEMSEA also committed to support the ICM implementation in DPR Korea. Both parties agreed to develop a comprehensive plan for ICM project implementation for 2016-2021 in tandem with the PEMSEA's programme cycle.

DPRK Participated in the East Asian Seas Congress 2015 and the 5th Ministerial Forum held in Vietnam and endorsed DA NANG COMPACT on the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia 2015. During the EAS Congress, the representatives revisited the regional and coastal and marine strategy, the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia and laid down the post-2015 Strategic Targets of PEMSEA.

On the 18th of November, 2015, PEMSEA and DPRKorea agreed in principle to implement the the project document entitled "Integrated Costal Management Programmes (2016-2021) of DPR Korea for Sustainable Development of Coastal and Marine **Environment and Resources," subject to funding availability and final review and approval of the project document within** their respective organizations.

2018

DPRK participated in the East Asian Seas Congress 2018 and the 6th Ministerial Forum held in Iloilo city, Philippines and Signed the Iloilo Ministerial Declaration which commits to pursue PEMSEA's self-sustainability post 2019 on the auspicious **occasion of celebrating PEMSEA's twenty-five years and endorsed the SDS-SEA Implementation Plan 2018-2022.**

2021

DPR Korea adopted regulations on coastal protection and management, implemented the national plan on marine resource protection, and adopted relevant measures for the building and maintenance of coastal protection facilities nationwide.

A member of the PEMSEA Network of Learning Centers, Kim Il Sung University, the first university built in the country, gave two short-term courses to capacitate local officials and experts in the field of integrated coastal management (ICM).

DPR Korea also conducted research to predict coastline changes in the country in the next 50 years and is intensifying its research on the sustainable protection and management of the marine environment in the east and west coasts of the country.

DPRK delegation headed by Vice Minister for External Economic Relations Ri Myong San with officials from the country's General Bureau for Cooperation with International Organizations, Deputy Director-General Jong Kwang-Jin and Officer Kang Hyon A, during the 7th East Asian Seas Ministerial Forum.
