

Inhibition of marine litter

Many related ministries are making efforts on survey and regulation .



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An organization related to fishery conveys technological study of recycling of fishery wastes to prevent those wastes from being flown out to the sea.

Disposal of wastes from vessels

Disposal of wastes from boats and vessels are regulated by domestic law corresponding to LONDON Convention and MARPOL 73/78 Convention,Annex V.



Clean-up of coastline

Management of coastline areas


Prefectural governments responsible for "management"

"Any person or groups which supervise swimming beaches, rivers, ports, and other public places shall make efforts to keep them clean". (Waste management Law)

•Various entities such as local governments, port managers, local associations, volunteers, and so on. carry out clean-up activities.

In most cases, collected marine litter is transported to disposal facilities by local governments, or commissioned companies.


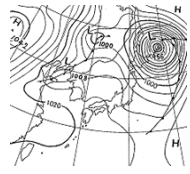
In 2002, special arrangement on local allocation tax, "Coast Management Expense" was established for prefectural governments and this expense could be spent on management of washed-up litter.



Measures in case of disasters (typhoons)

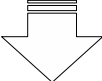
•In case of the large amount of drift woods washed-up by disasters like typhoons, special financial supporting regimes are applied.


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Financial support for disposal of driftwood in case of disasters (prefectural governments responsible for "management" of coastline areas)

Governmental efforts

Drifted and washed-up marine litter, some of which is originated in foreign countries, has resulted in degradation of coastal functions, deterioration of the environment etc. These incidents have been significant in recent years





1. Meeting of relevant ministries at Director-Generals level has been established since April 2006.
2. The Ministry of the Environment is in charge of management of the meeting in cooperation with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport and the Fishery Agency. The Cabinet Secretariat also attends the meeting and provides necessary advices.
- 3.The meeting reviews and discusses
 - ① current status, ② measures being taken, ③ measures including international measures, which address pollutant sources, and ④ measures in areas where damages are significant.

The meeting is scheduled to compile the measures to be taken in March, 2007.



Government Meeting

Clean-up activities by volunteer etc.

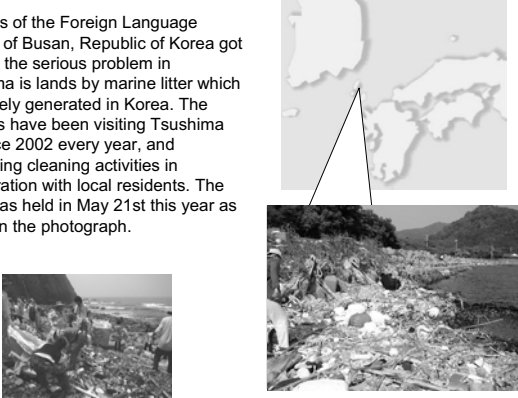
Coast line after clean-up

Action hereafter

The four NOWPAP Members discharge marine litter, while the driftage annoys them. In this context, the four countries are generators and victims at the same time. Therefore, it is essential to address the pollutant sources in every country for the ultimate solution. Japan cooperate with the other Members and make its utmost efforts to address this international problem.

City of Tsushima , Nagasaki Prefecture

Students of the Foreign Language College of Busan, Republic of Korea got to know the serious problem in Tsushima is lands by marine litter which are largely generated in Korea. The students have been visiting Tsushima city since 2002 every year, and performing cleaning activities in collaboration with local residents. The event was held in May 21st this year as shown in the photograph.



Thank you for your attention

