Arctic Council
Arctic Marine Strategic Plan

STATUS ON IMPLEMENTATION
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The Arctic Marine Strategic Plan
The Arctic Council’s Arctic Marine Strategic Plan 2015-2025 (AMSP) was approved in April 2015 at the 9th ministerial meeting in Iqaluit, Canada. It provides a framework to guide its actions to protect Arctic marine and coastal ecosystems and to promote sustainable development. This Strategic Plan addresses both short term and long-term challenges and opportunities, through forty Strategic Actions comprised under four Strategic Goals:

- **Goal 1**: Improve knowledge of the Arctic marine environment, and continue to monitor and assess current and future impacts on Arctic marine ecosystems.
- **Goal 2**: Conserve and protect ecosystem function and marine biodiversity to enhance resilience and the provision of ecosystem services.
- **Goal 3**: Promote safe and sustainable use of the marine environment, taking into account cumulative environmental impacts.
- **Goal 4**: Enhance the economic, social and cultural well-being of Arctic inhabitants, including Arctic indigenous peoples and strengthen their capacity to adapt to changes in the Arctic marine environment.

The 2nd AMSP Status on Implementation Report
This represents the 2nd status reporting of the AMSP strategic actions and is organized in accordance with the AMSP Implementation Plan in two-year implementation periods, corresponding to the rotation of the chairmanship of the Arctic Council. The aim of the status reporting is to provide a structured approach that tracks progress on developments as it related to the AMSP’s forty strategic actions over the next 10 years among the Arctic Council working groups with overall guidance from the SAOs.

AMSP Implementation Matrix
A Matrix has been created to track progress of the Arctic Council in implementing the AMSP strategic actions. The Matrix is a living document where each working group has provided status on the implementation of the AMSP strategic actions as relevant to their respective work plan activities.

Each WG has provided names and basic information on activities, and provided a status on each based on the key (see image).

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