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Supporting developing countries to implement the London Protocol

THE ISSUE

Global standards for preventing marine pollution from dumping at sea are set under the London Convention (LC) and London Protocol (LP) treaties. The newer and more comprehensive LP has been slow to attract new countries, with some existing parties also having implementation challenges.

These implementation issues are rooted in the lack of scientific, technical and administrative capacities. While various regional and national initiatives have offered support, there remains a clear need for longer term and more sustained education and capacity-building.

OUR SOLUTION

The SMART-C LC/LP Project focuses on Mongolia, the Caribbean, and other developing countries - supporting implementation of the London Protocol through sustained partnerships, collaborative marine environmental research and education.

Maritime officials will benefit from scholarships for two years of LP implementation training and hands-on experience through the London Protocol Engineering Master of Project Administration (LPEM) at the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology. Mongolia and the Caribbean will benefit from five years of support for training, workshops to develop national London Protocol implementation measures, and shared expertise in the design and implementation of baseline and monitoring surveys.

IMPACT

- ✓ Increasing LPEM scholarships for maritime officials from developing countries will raise the profile of the LP and capacity to implement it in maritime administrations around the globe.
- ✓ Training, baseline surveys and other activities in Mongolia will demonstrate the effectiveness the LP beyond marine settings, encourage Mongolia to join the LP, and provide a model for neighbouring countries with limited experience in LP implementation.
- ✓ Strengthening LP implementation in the Caribbean will lead to sustained cooperation and partnerships to facilitate London Protocol implementation beyond the life of the project, and serve as an example for nearby States.