



October 29, 2021

Dear PEMSEA Country Partners,

Subject: Invitation to join the East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2021 Seminar on Biofouling: Regional Efforts and Innovative Solutions

Greetings from PEMSEA!

We are pleased to invite you and your representatives to the **Seminar on Biofouling: Regional Efforts and Innovative Solutions**, which will be held on **11 November 2021, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Cambodia Time; GMT+7)** via Zoom.

As one of the public events of the EAS Congress 2021, this webinar is part of a series of technical assistance and capacity-building activities led by PEMSEA as one of the regional coordinating organizations for the [GEF/UNDP/IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project](#), a five-year initiative beginning 2019 that aims to shape the necessary legal, policy, and institutional arrangements to address issues related to biofouling and support the implementation of the [“Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species”](#) issued by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for execution at the regional and national levels. The event is organized by PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF), which serves as the secretariat arm of PEMSEA; Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST); and IMO.

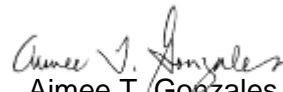
This seminar will focus on sharing the latest technology and research initiatives and discuss how they may help maritime industries address issues related to biofouling in support of the implementation of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines at the regional and national levels in the ASEAN region. The seminar aims to:

- Shed light on the biological and chemical characteristics of biofouling and the economic impacts of IAS transferred by biofouling and ways to obtain information on the economic impacts from relevant industries and other stakeholders;
- Share information and knowledge on technological and other innovative solutions to combat biofouling; and
- Identify cooperation needs across the marine value chain and beyond to support the uptake of innovative solutions and best practices on data and information sharing, policies, and programs.

Attached please find the latest program for the event. Kindly register through this link (<https://tinyurl.com/KIOSTcollab-ZoomReg>) by **9 November 2021, 11:59 PM (GMT+7)**. Registered participants will automatically receive the user-specific Zoom links and online calendar invites. For queries, kindly contact Ms. Karen See, Secretariat Coordinator at the PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF), at [ksee@pemsea.org](mailto:ksee@pemsea.org).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
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