

EMECS

International Center for Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas

Development

The **International EMECS Center** (International Center for Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas) was established in November 1994 in Kobe Japan through the cooperation of concerned persons and organizations. Its purpose is to create new prospects for the preservation of the environments of the Seto Inland Sea and other enclosed coastal seas throughout the world.



Although the environment is improving in some enclosed coastal seas throughout the world, in most areas habitat environments are worsening; both species and populations are declining, and ocean catches are diminishing. If these trends continue, enclosed coastal sea environments will continue to deteriorate, and this may even have a major adverse impact on the global environment as a whole. As a result, increasingly there are calls for the Center to implement more aggressive measures, making enhancement of its information-providing and research functions necessary.

It is for these reasons that the International EMECS Center has recognized as a body that is authorized by the Japanese government in April 2000. The Center will form a solid base for the achievement of the Objectives as below.

Objectives and activities

Objectives The Center's objectives shall be to construct an organized network linking governments, researchers, companies, private citizens and other entities to promote academic exchanges on an international level and conduct research, training and support activities, in order to preserve existing enclosed coastal sea environments and create new ones and help create a society capable of sustainable development in which human beings can coexist with the tremendous diversity of nature.

Activities The Center conducts the following activities to preserve existing enclosed coastal sea environments and create new environments.

- (1) Gather and make available information
- (2) Conduct research
- (3) Implement training
- (4) Support activities
- (5) Collaborate and cooperate on activities of international organizations
- (6) Promote international exchanges including sponsoring international conferences
- (7) Carry out other activities



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History of EMECS Conferences

