

APPENDIX B

Original terms of reference (Vladivostok, 1999)

1. Identify the various species involved, and the timing, frequency, and duration of harmful algal bloom events;
2. Develop a regional database of relevant observational parameters associated with bloom events, including maps, bibliography, data sets and techniques, existing programs and expanded list of researchers in the area;
3. Investigate links between bloom events and environmental factors, trophic interactions and possible anthropogenic stress (e.g., eutrophication);
4. Assess the economic, health-related, and environmental impacts arising from harmful algal bloom events in order to improve the ability to predict the occurrence of these events and thus minimize their overall impacts;
5. Suggest areas where critical data are missing and where future research is necessary;
6. Facilitate regional collaborative research efforts at various levels to address these problems.