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National Estuary Program CCMP Tracking Survey Results

ELC Meeting – Thursday, May 14th, 2020

Survey Results

Total of 13 responses (out of 28 NEPs)

Participating National Estuary Programs:

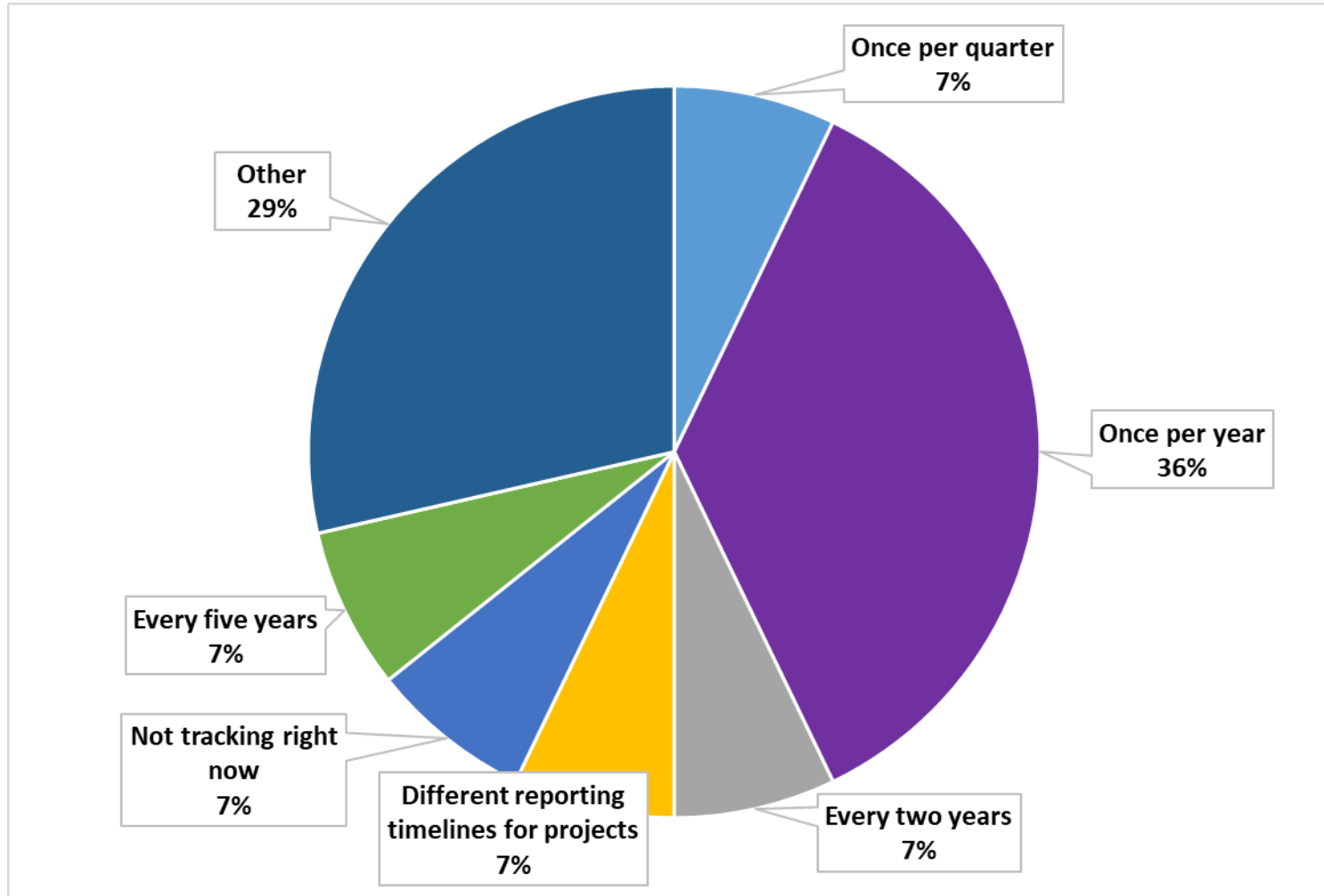
- Sarasota Bay NEP
- Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Indian River Lagoon Council/IRLNEP
- San Francisco Estuary Partnership
- Tampa Bay Estuary Program
- Casco Bay Estuary Partnership
- Long Island Sound Study/EPA
- New York New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program
- Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program
- Sarasota Bay Estuary Program
- Maryland Coastal Bays Program
- Galveston Bay Estuary Program



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Survey Results

'How frequently does your NEP track progress on your region's CCMP?'



Responses for 'Other':

- Request updates on status and funding of individual projects twice per year, have set up a system to collect information from state agencies every two years. Separate system to track progress of recovery indicators, once every two years.
- Not tracked yet, but will beginning in 2020
- Report formally to Management Conference and EPA once per year in workplan, but have online tracking table for partners to fill out
- In past, was tracked annually for projects with NEP funding and every 5 years for projects without NEP funding. Working on mechanism to collect on annual basis.

Survey Results

‘How does your organization gather CCMP tracking data?’

- Staff tracking of internal and funded projects/speaking with partners
- Online tracking system
- Excel workbook/annual report to management conference compiles data
- Staff gather information from partners and enter into google spreadsheet that is linked to our website
- Based on staff meeting discussion and limited external tracking
- Gather information through state liaisons and workgroup leads
- NEPORT and from staff internally
- Microsoft Access database for internal data from staff, working on a mechanism to collect information externally from partners
- Get most information from NEPORT by sending direct emails to partners

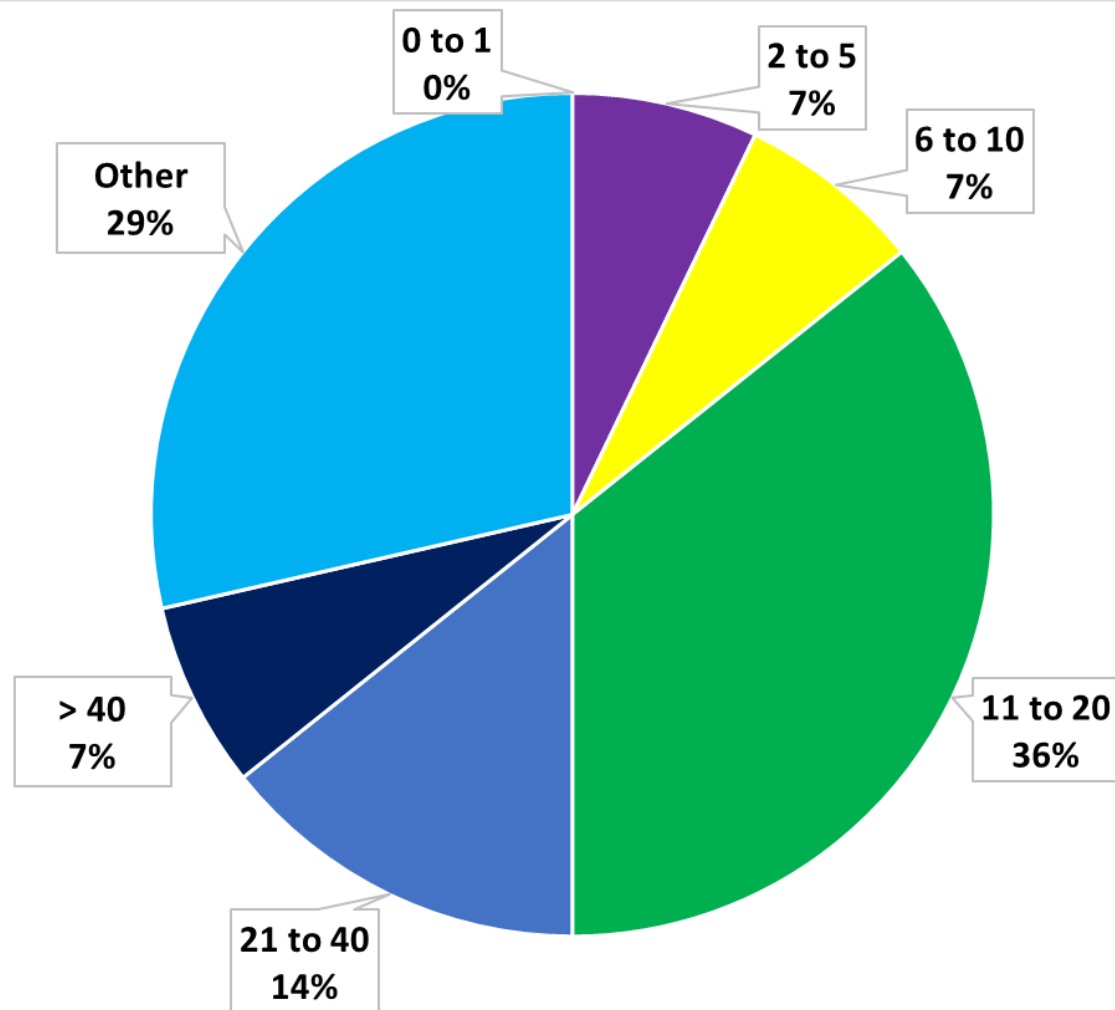
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‘How does your organization report out on projects submitted for CCMP tracking?’

- General discussion with partners
- No/don't currently report out on CCMP projects
- Information system to report out tracking information (developing reporting tools/content within the system that can be shared with partner implementers)
- Biennial report that includes summary and some analysis of tracking information
- Monthly updates/quarterly meetings
- Quarterly CCMP newsletter
- Annual report
- Webpage updates
- Publish in-depth stories in quarterly magazine
- Used in routine reporting submitted to regulatory agencies (e.g., 10-year Habitat Master Plan Updates, annual water quality assessments)
- Maintenance of a static, table formatted database on webpage
- Report outs during management committee and workgroup meetings

Survey Results

‘How many partners in your region provide you with CCMP tracking data?’



Responses for 'Other':

- Focus actions and narratives of partner activities, mostly from top 3-5 partners
- Partners collect the data and share on their own agency websites how their work relates to CCMP
- Have more than 40 partners, but do not have an established mechanism in place to submit CCMP tracking
- Varies since many are 10-year projects
- We work with hundreds of partners to attain tracking data

Survey Results

‘How do you encourage partners to continue to periodically provide your organization with CCMP tracking data?’

- Travel around region to visit partners to walk through tracking tool/record presentations and post online/via webinar
- Provide reporting guides with visual and examples
- User-friendly reporting systems for simply updates and summaries, partners report at any time of the year with two specific reporting windows (summer and winter)
- By being polite
- Public flattery and peer shaming
- Face to face contact, providing praises
- Email requests
- Phone calls
- We do not have a reporting mechanism for partners
- NEPORT projects
- Maintain open lines of communication on an annual basis

Survey Results

‘How does your organization add value to the partners that implement actions in the CCMP?’

- Sharing videos/short film collections on website to report out on progress/success stories
- Feature partner projects in e-newsletter/social media/website/professional magazines
- Provide stakeholders/general public with information
- Highlight in State of the Bay Report
- Partners presenting projects via oral and poster presentations at symposiums, conferences, and meetings
- Working on an implementation webpage
- Provide updates during outreach activities
- Fact sheets
- Providing funding and organization promotion
- Bring partners together at conferences/management meetings to assist with implementation feedback

HOW CAN WE USE THIS FEEDBACK FOR CCMP TRACKING FOR THE DELAWARE ESTUARY?

