

South Asian Seas Programme

SOUTH ASIA CO-OPERATIVE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME



11th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans

Bangkok, Thailand: 5-8 October, 2009



Institutional Linkages

- SAARC – MoU signed for specific areas of mutual collaboration
- IMO – Complying and implementing IMO Conventions at regional level
- ICRAN/ICRI/UNEP Coral Reef Unit – Implementing GEF and EU projects on MCPAs
- WMO – Early warning and climate change
- UNEP-GPA
- UNEP-RRCAP
- GIWA – Large Marine Ecosystem Assessment
- CORDIO – Coral reef related activities
- NORAD – Implementation of SSP₁ and SSP₂

South Asian Seas



Bangladesh
India
Maldives
Pakistan
Sri Lanka

1/5 of world population
Out of which 50 % living along
the coast
6 Mega Coastal cities

Unique Coral ref, mangroves,
Sea Gras ecosystem

Climate Change

Bangladesh, Maldives
Himalayan Glaciers
Tsunami
Cyclones
Delayed Monsoons
Unprecedented Rain
Flash Floods
Sea Level Rise

Sewage Discharge into the Sea
60 % Oil Tanker Traffic

Fishing: Artesian, Mechanized



MCPAs in South Asia

UNEP - EU funded project



- South Asia Coral Reef Task Force
- Monitoring mechanism, Institutional linkages, Capacity building, awareness, Science, participatory approach , Eco-development
- National task Force
- Managers training programme
- Small funded projects to 5 countries on education
- Regional communication strategy
- International Year of Coral Reef



Recent achievements

- ❖ Regional Oil and Chemical spill contingency plan and signing of MoU
- ❖ Pending from 2000
- ❖ Two high level meetings held in 1999 and 2000
- ❖ Mission to Pakistan India Maldives helps to solve impasse
- ❖ Accepted Plan and MoU is ready
- ❖ Final stage with countries – Cabinet approval
- ❖ IMO has agreed to

Marpol workshop in October 2009

HNS workshop 2010



**Training Workshop on Marine Resources Sampling, Data Collection & Interpretation
for the South Asian Seas**

18 to 22 September 2009
India

Organised by
South Asian Seas Programme
South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme

in collaboration with
Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India and
United Nations Environment Programme

Partners: UNDOALOS & UNEP-GRID Arendal



Aim : Capacity building to middle level policy managers on scientific data collection interpretation and policy & Management

- Participants Bangladesh, India Maldives Pakistan Sri lanka
- Manual 22 articles 5 Themes
- 21 organizations 33 experts

•Chennai, on board ship, Hyderabad India

- Sampling upto 2000 m water depth
- 3 days sailing
- 23 Lectures
- Execution 4 months

Request to place in UNEP RSP web site

WAY FORWARD

Coral reef mapping satellite imagery
Model sea level rise observation net
work

India has invited SAS member
countries to become a part of
IOGOOS

Request to conduct similar workshop



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Sri Lanka



GUIDELINE DOCUMENT ON THE STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS OF SOUTH ASIAN SEAS MEMBER COUNTRIES

(Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka)

All efforts were made to verify the data. However, data may not be completely current. Relevant Secretariat / country Website should be consulted for most up-to-date status information.

Data presented is as on 25 August 2009 and shall be updated as and when informations are received.

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Suggestions and Feedback



Interactive Governance in fisheries management in south asia - well being approach

England, The Netherlands, India and Sri Lanka

ESPA workshop 1 Chennai India
Workshop 2, Matare, Sri Lanka



Blue Flag Worldwide



Blue Flag Programme has become a very well known and recognised eco-label for tourists and tour operators.

THE BLUE FLAG PROGRAMME

- Bring together tourism and environmental sectors at local, regional national.
 - Strives to promote sustainable development in the coastal areas
 - Started on world ocean day 8 June 2009
 - Meetings held in Sri Lanka Maldives Pakistan
 - Enthusiastic response from SAS member countries
 - Concept paper circulated
 - National workshop involving tourism environment fisheries ministry
 - Expert from FEE can visit
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- Appoint national jury
 - Tourism Industry



Sri Lanka

Port reception facility
New Port development

Wild life Dept
Establishment of Marine unit
east coast survey
coral reef monitoring

National Seminar

International Day for Biological Diversity 22 May 2009

Invasive Alien Species

World Ocean Day



MALDIVES

- Preparation of national oil spill contingency Plan
- Blue flag programme
- Tourism industry has been the main contributor to the economic development of the country





GPA

- Marine Litter - IMM approved programme
- International Coastal Cleanup day – national activity
- Waste water treatment
- World water Day
- SeaQua I– Norwegian institute - Seawater quality
- Nutrients

New Initiatives

- **Marpol workshop In Malaysia**
- **HNS workshop – IMO in 2010**
- Biofouling – invasive species IMO working group to evolve guidelines
- Assessment of areas vulnerable to sea level rise in the South Asian seas region UNEP ROAP
- Marine Invasive species – IOI SA
- Work shop Ecosystem based management - UNDOALOS
- NOAA Socio economic aspects of coral reef management
- UNU training programme on Mangroves ecosystem
- High Seas Turtle conservation – International workshop
- A workshop - awareness

Interaction

IMO
FAO ROAP
UNEP – water
COBSEA
GEF
Ramsar
CBD
CITES
IUCN Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka - Lecture series





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