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WORKSHOP REPORT



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A. BACKGROUND

The project 'Spatial Planning in the Coastal Zone – Disaster Prevention and Sustainable Development' was developed by the COBSEA Secretariat as a post-tsunami project during 2006 and submitted to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), which approved it for funding in early 2009. The 3-year project focuses on spatial planning in coastal areas with an overall goal to prevent/reduce the impacts from natural disasters, climate change and sea-level rise, and to promote sustainable development of coastal areas through the application of spatial planning.

The Project is being implemented in three phases: Phase 1 - Producing a Regional Resource and Guidance Document for the integration of new concepts, such as climate change adaptation, disaster-risk reduction, ecosystem-based management and results-based management into existing coastal spatial planning policies and procedures (complete); Phase 2 - National consultations and planning of national adaptation of the Regional Resource Document; and Phase 3 - Capacity building, national adaptation, demonstrations.

The Project will finally come to end on 31st October 2013 after almost four years of implementation. As the last activity prior to its completion, a Regional Concluding Workshop was organized to report to UNEP, Sida and participating countries the overall achievements, outputs and outcomes of this very successful project including the results, lessons learned and best practices on the training and capacity building and adaptation activities implemented in participating countries as identified and agreed during the country consultations. The workshop was the last opportunity for project partners to meet and served as the "concluding event" of the project.

B. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the workshop was to present and share the accomplishments and outcomes on the training and capacity building and adaptation activities implemented at the regional and national levels. The workshop will also provide an avenue for knowledge and information sharing and exchange between and among project partners, donors and other regional organizations on coastal and marine spatial planning.

Specifically, the objectives of the workshop were to:

- Present and share project accomplishments and outputs including the results/outcomes
 on the use and application of project activities and outputs, the lessons learned, good
 practices and gaps on project activities and implementation, and the plans and
 commitments for further training and/or application of coastal and marine spatial planning;
- Identify and discuss the common lessons learned and good practices, gaps and needs to serve as inputs in the development of future regional and national projects and in the global lessons learned and good practices exchange that UNEP is promoting to implement;

- Present the highlights of the national training courses focusing on key points from the training courses, the outcomes achieved, the lessons learned and recommendations for next steps;
- Present the Final Regional Resource Document (RRD) integrating the use and application
 of the Interim Version of RRD in project activities highlighting the approaches taken, the
 lessons learned, insights on best practices, and recommendations for further development
 of coastal and marine spatial planning;
- Present and discuss the initial results and findings on project review and evaluation with national partners, UNEP and Sida, and gather comments and additional inputs for consideration in the final evaluation report;
- Present and discuss the proposed follow up project concept and explore possible collaboration with other regional organizations;

C. PARTICIPANTS

A total of twenty six participants attended the regional workshop consisting of the following:

- 17 representatives from 6 COBSEA participating countries
- 4 representatives from UNEP and COBSEA Secretariat
- 2 representatives from Sida
- 1 representative from MFF Secretariat
- 1 representative from AWGCME
- 1 international consultant

The full list of participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

D. APPROACH/METHOD AND AGENDA

The workshop, which consisted of presentations and plenary discussions, were divided into three parts. The first part of the workshop focused on project accomplishments and outcomes particularly at the national level, where participating countries highlighted their achievements including lessons learned and good practices, their plans and commitments and recommendations to sustain and continue project initiated activities.

The second part focused on the finalization of the Regional Resource Document which integrates the results, lessons learned and best practices from the capacity building and adaptation activities into the final document.

The third part focused on the project evaluation initial results and finding and the proposed follow up project, possibly in collaboration with other regional organizations. The agenda of the regional workshop is attached as **Annex 2**.

E. MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSIONS AND AGREEMENTS

The workshop started with Mr. Jerker Tamelander of UNEP expressing his thanks and appreciation to all the participants for coming to the workshop and to Sida for the support provided to the project. He stressed the importance of the workshop particularly in sustaining and using the outputs on the ground and in generating additional inputs to the project evaluation initial

findings. Mr. Haag of Sida expressed his appreciation to UNEP and COBSEA for the successful organization of the concluding workshop and the implementation of the project. He stressed the importance of the project and its value to COBSEA. He noted the results and outputs of the project and how this may be put to use by the countries and other organizations. As the project is completing end of October, he also stressed the need to prepare for the project closure.

Mr. Reynaldo Molina of COBSEA Secretariat presented the overview of the workshop, its objectives and agenda. This was followed by an overview presentation of the project and its achievements and outcomes at the regional and national levels. The presentations are attached as **Annex 3** and **Annex 4**.

All participating countries made a thorough presentation on their achievements, outcomes and lessons learned and good practices including their plans and recommendations in moving forward the project and its activities. Each country presentations were then followed by discussions on matters needing clarifications and further elaborations. The country presentations are attached as **Annexes 5-10**.

From the country reports and outputs, a summary of the national training courses' accomplishments including the lessons learned and best practices and recommendations were prepared by Dr. Larry Hildebrand, the project consultant, who unfortunately was not able to attend the workshop due to previous commitments. Mr. Molina made the presentation on Dr. Hildebrand's behalf. He stressed that these consolidated accomplishments and lessons learned will be integrated into the final Regional Resource Document (RRD) and encouraged participants to review and provide their comments. The summary of accomplishments and lessons learned are attached as **Annex 11** and **Annex 12**.

The workshop discussed the finalization of the RRD. In consultation with Dr. Hildebrand, it was proposed that a separate chapter for the lessons learned and best practices be prepared so as not to change entirely the contents of the Interim Edition that was widely distributed and circulated to participating countries during the national consultations and training courses. Mr. Molina presented the proposed draft Chapter 6 Regional and National Efforts, Lessons Learned and Best Practices. The participants agreed to have an additional chapter and provided substantial comments on the draft chapter. The COBSEA Secretariat was requested to finalize and integrate Chapter 6 in the final version of the RRD. The final Chapter 6 is attached as **Annex 13**.

The workshop also presented and discussed the initial results and findings on the project review and evaluation made by Mr. Arne Andreasson, an independent international consultant from Sweden. Additional comments and inputs were gathered from national partners, UNEP and Sida for consideration in the final evaluation report. The presentation of initial evaluation results is attached as **Annex 14**.

The workshop also presented and discussed the draft project concept "Partnership Building for Effective Application of Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) in the East Asia Seas Region" which was developed as a follow up project. The COBSEA Secretariat had requested Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi, Vietnam National Coordinator, to develop and present a concept note building on the project achievements. The concept, which will focus on 1) establishing regional network on CMSP, 2) implementing CMSP pilot demonstration sites at local level, and 3) institutionalizing CMSP, was fully supported by the participants as it creates a community of practitioners and regional hub for information sharing and exchange on CMSP as well as addresses the need of countries for practical application of CMSP at local level. The concept is also in line with and contributes to the initial findings of the project review and evaluation of having a second phase to achieve sustainable outcomes of the project. The participants requested COBSEA Secretariat to explore this concept with other interested donors and regional organizations in the region such as ASEAN and MFF for possible collaboration. The proposed concept note is attached as **Annex 15**.

The Sida delegation noticed the good results and ownership demonstrated during the second half of the project and Mr. Haag suggested to COBSEA to organize internal network group among countries and experts and utilized existing resources to keep the momentum going since this project has a value to COBSEA. He noted the national experts and knowledge products produced under the project which may be put to use by other organizations. He also suggested for various regional organizations with similar programs like the MFF to collaborate and work together to seek synergies in order to leverage the output from the respective programs.

The workshop concluded with a closing message from Dr. Young Woo Park, UNEP Regional Director who expressed his appreciation to Sida and the participating countries for their support and cooperation to work together making the project a success. Mr. Haag of Sida expressed his appreciation to the participating countries and UNEP and COBSEA for the smooth and successful implementation of the project despite the initial implementation challenges and delays. Mr. Tamelander of UNEP thanked Sida for their generous and continuous support to UNEP and COBSEA, and wished continued collaboration beyond the current project.

After the Regional Concluding Workshop, the project's Final Annual Review Meeting was held between UNEP/COBSEA and Sida. The meeting was attended by Mr. Jerker Tamelander and Mr. Reynaldo Molina of UNEP/COBSEA and Mr. Goran Haag and Mr. Peter Funegard of Sida. Both parties expressed appreciation to the support and successful implementation of the project. Sida discussed the procedure for project closure and reiterated again the need to create an enabling mechanism to keep the momentum of work going like organizing network meetings and events among countries and experts.

F. WAY FORWARD

The participants have agreed on the following steps to complete the project as well as to sustain and move the project forward:

- COBSEA Secretariat to finalize and integrate Chapter 6 in the final Regional Resource Document
- COBSEA Secretariat to make available to other countries, experts and organizations the information and knowledge products produced through the COBSEA website.
- COBSEA Secretariat to create an enabling mechanism to sustain the momentum like organization of network meetings and events among countries and experts, creation of community of practitioners and regional hub on CMSP, in collaboration with other regional organizations.
- COBSEA Secretariat to develop the concept note into project proposal and explore
 possible collaboration with other interested donors and regional organizations in the region
 with similar programs such as ASEAN and MFF.
- COBSEA Secretariat to prepare for project closure particularly the preparation and submission of the final project report and financial report to Sida.
- Participating countries are encourage to continue project activities through its use and application particularly in building capacity of relevant national and local authorities on coastal and marine spatial planning.

G. ANNEXES

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Annex 13	Chapter 6 of Regional Resource Document
Annex 14	Project Review and Evaluation Initial Results
Annex 15	Proposed Concept Note

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Annex 2 Workshop Agenda

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Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand 24-25 October 2013

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Day and Date	Activity	Responsible Person/Institution	
	Wednesday 23 rd October		
Afternoon	Arrival of participants at hotel		
Thursday 24 th October			
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	COBSEA Secretariat Participants	
09:00 - 09:15	Workshop opening and welcome remarks	UNEP COBSEA, Sida	
09:15 - 09:30	Participants introduction	Participants	
09:30 - 09:45	Workshop overview - Workshop objectives and agenda	COBSEA Secretariat	
09:45 – 10:00	General overview of the project - Project background, goal and objectives, phases, activities, expected outputs/deliverables	COBSEA Secretariat	
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation and Discussion: Overall Project Achievements and Outcomes (Regional and National) including lessons learned and best practices	COBSEA Secretariat	
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break		
10:45 – 11:45	Presentation and Discussion: Country Project Achievements, Outcomes, and Lessons Learned including Future Plans	Representatives from: Cambodia, China	
11:45 – 12:45	Continuation: Country Project Achievements, Outcomes, and Lessons Learned including Future Plans	Representatives from: Indonesia, Philippines	
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00 – 15:00	Continuation: Country Project Achievements, Outcomes, and Lessons Learned including Future Plans	Representatives from Thailand, Vietnam	
15:00 – 16:00	Presentation and Discussion: Summary of National Training Courses and Final Regional Resource Document (RRD)	Dr. Larry Hildebrand COBSEA Secretariat	
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee Break		
16:15 – 17:15	Presentation and Discussion: Lessons Learned, Good Practices, Gaps and Needs on Project Implementation and Activities	COBSEA Secretariat Country Representative	
18:00 – 21:00	Dinner Reception		

Day and Date	Activity	Responsible Person/Institution	
Friday 25 th October			
09:00 – 10:30	Presentation and Discussion: Findings and Recommendations of Project Review and Evaluation	Mr. Arne Andreasson	
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break		
10:45 – 11:15	Presentation and Discussion: Proposed Follow up Project Concept and Collaboration	COBSEA Secretariat Country Representative	
11:15 – 11:30	Project Next Steps	COBSEA Secretariat	
11:30 – 11:45	Updates on COBSEA and Its Projects	UNEP, COBSEA Secretariat	
11:45 – 12:00	Other matters	COBSEA Secretariat	
12:00 – 12:30	Workshop closing and remarks	Representatives from Countries, Sida and UNEP COBSEA	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 17:00	COBSEA Sida Final Annual Review Meeting (ARM)	Representatives from UNEP, Sida and COBSEA Secretariat	
Saturday 26 th October			
Morning	Departure of participants		