

Terms of Reference and Scope of Service
of the Project: Awareness Generation Programme for local stakeholders in Mahatma Gandhi
Marine National Park, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, India (under SACEP-UNEP) Project

Name of Project: Awareness Generation Programme for local stakeholders in Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, India

Agency: Under the supervision of the Department of Environment & Forests (DoEF), Andaman & Nicobar Administration, **Andaman and Nicobar Islands Environmental Team (ANET)**

Funding Agency: UNEP GPA

Duration: 5 Months (July-November 2008)

Location of Project: Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, India

In terms of TOR, SACEP Sub contracts with each country, based on the successful proposal selected by the SACRTF.

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the Memorandum) is concluded between the:

South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme, hereinafter SACEP
10 Anderson Road
Colombo 05
Sri Lanka
and

Under the supervision of The Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman & Nicobar
Administration, Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair-744102, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, India
Andaman and Nicobar Islands Environmental Team (ANET)
Centre for Island Ecology, Post Bag- 1, Junglighat P.O. Port Blair – 744 103
Andaman Islands, India

1. Background

The United Nations List of Protected Areas ranked the South Asia region the lowest in the world in terms of declared Marine and Coastal Protected Areas used in the conservation and management of exploited marine and coastal resources.

In recognition of the need to improve spatial representation and effective management of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MCPAs) in the region to meet MEA targets, the European Union provided funding to facilitate the improved management and conservation of exploited marine and coastal resources and the sustainable use of the goods and services they provide, on which the economic and social development of future generations in South Asia is based. Five MCPA sites have been selected under the EU South Asia MCPA Project as focal areas for project activities (St Martins Island, Bangladesh; Mahatma Gandhi National Park, Andaman Islands, India; Baa Atoll, Maldives; Bar Reef, Sri Lanka; Jiwani, Pakistan).

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Environmental Team (ANET), a division of the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, was constituted in 1990. ANET remains the main active environmental NGO and the only such research base in the islands. Several seasonal field camps have been set up over the years at key sea turtle nesting beaches in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago.

The Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Administration who manages the target site in India, has initiated measures to sensitize people around this area about the importance of this Park. Awareness generation is an important aspect of the management of this MPA. This project will be implemented by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Environmental Team (ANET) under the supervision of Department of Environment. Involvement of Other important Departments of the Administration like Fisheries Dept and Tourist Dept will also be sought.



The Mission of SACEP is to promote regional co-operation in South Asia in the field of environment, both natural and human in the context of sustainable development and on issues of economic and social development which also impinge on the environment and vice versa; to support conservation and management of natural resources of the region and to work closely with all national, regional, and international institutions, governmental and non governmental, as well as experts and groups engaged in such co-operation and conservation efforts.

Under the terms of this Memorandum, it is hereby agreed that:

2. Objective

The objectives of the present proposal are to educate people through various means of awareness activities about conservation of marine biodiversity and motivate them to support the conservation efforts of the Department through their active involvement. The target groups are- (i) local fishermen, (ii) school children and (iii) PRI (Panchayat Raj Institution- a local self government system which has a very strong influence on the people.

Also to raise awareness of the importance and value of coral reefs and associated ecosystems at Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park and to explain to the public the long term sustainable benefits of the MCPA.

3. Activities to be undertaken

I. Organize Workshop and Awareness campaign for local fishermen and PRIs*

It is proposed to take up various awareness generation activities like organization of workshops for local fishermen and PRIs to sensitize them about the significance of biodiversity conservation, eco-development processes and on how the conservation efforts in Park will help in uplifting their economy through generation of new employment opportunities.

II. Two nature camps will be organized for local fishermen, PRIs. Other extension activities will also be taken up with schoolchildren, tourists and general public.

III. Film on the conservation of coral resources (10 performances)

Awareness through Film show is one the most useful and accepted communication and awareness tools for reaching the target stakeholder group. Under this contract, 10 local Schools will be selected to held Film on Coral Reef Conservation, where the corals are exploited. One local group will be trained to prepare and implement similar performances so they can continue to raise awareness in future.

IV. Two Nature Camps - 2 nature camps will be held on the area for continuing the awareness activities. An action plan will be developed for the Nature Camp so they can effectively contribute to, and complement biodiversity conservation activities ongoing on the area.

V. One Drawing competition and awareness campaign for schools - creating awareness among 10 Local Schools across the MCPA.

4. Deliverables

As a result of this Memorandum the following outputs will be achieved:

- **Drawing competition and awareness campaign for schools on Coral Reefs**
- **Film shows 10 Schools**
- **Conduct of 04 Nature Camps on the importance and value of coral reefs and Nature Camp Reports**
- **Conduct Workshop and Awareness campaign for local fishermen and PRIs**
- **Awareness among various stakeholders and seek their involvement in effective conservation and management of the Park area**
- **Showing more livelihood options to 10 Community Groups living around**
- **Report on all activities**

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5. Estimated costs and Time schedule:

ACTIVITY	Time schedule 2008			Rate	Cost (USD)
	Sep	Oct	1 st - 15 th Nov		
Awareness campaign for local fishermen and PRIs*					
Local Workshops Nos. 01				600	600
Nature camps Nos. 02				5,00	1,000
Awareness campaign for schools					
Nature camps Nos. 02				500	1000
Drawing competition Nos. 01				600	600
Film shows 10 Schools				300	300
Miscellaneous expenses including travel, wages etc (Lump sum)				2,000	2,000
Submission of Final Report					
GRAND TOTAL					5,500

* PRI= Panchayat Raj Institution, a local self-government body

6. Implementation

Project activities will be lead by the (ANET) under the supervision of Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Administration . (ANET) will ensure close collaboration with the Director General of SACEP, and will feed all project outputs and reports to the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF), established under the project, and the International Coral Reef Action Network.

7. Disbursement of funds

ANET shall provide all necessary manpower, logistical and administrative support to undertake the work. SACEP shall pay ANET a sum not exceeding US\$ 5,500 for the activities listed above. The payment will be directly to ANET office in US\$. The disbursement of funds will be as follows:

US\$ 4,000 will be paid upon signature of this Memorandum.

US\$ 1,500 will be transferred upon satisfactory delivery of the proposed activities as well as a detailed statement of expenditures.

The amounts will be transferred to the following bank account:

Mr. Romulus Whitaker
Managing Trustee
Phone: Phone: 91- 03192 280081
Email: mcbtindia@gmail.com
Website: www.madrascrocodilebank.org

Phone: (Tele-fax); (044) 27472958
Account holder: MADRAS CROCODILE BANK TRUST
Account number: CD61
Swift Code: IOB AIN BB 001

Any cost overrun (expenditure in excess of the amount budgeted in each budget sub line) shall be met by the organisation responsible for authorizing the expenditure, unless written agreement has been received in advance, from SACEP. In cases where SACEP has indicated its agreement to a cost overrun from one budget sub line to another, or to increase the total cost to SACEP, a revision to MoU amending the budget will be issued by SACEP.

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8. Reporting requirements

A final report will be submitted to SACEP (po_sacep@eol.lk) and copied to ICRAN (nbarnard@icran.org) before the **15th November 2008**, including a detailed statement of expenditure as per the budget of this Memorandum. The report should highlight the following performance indicators to demonstrate the impacts of activities conducted:

- Number of people (from local fishermen and PRIs) receiving Awareness
- Number of students attending Drawing competition and awareness campaign for schools
- Number of students attending Film shows 10 Schools
- Number of students /people attending Nature Camps
- Number of materials disseminated

And, will also include copies of all deliverables/outputs (action plan/brochure/bill boards etc) as annexes to the report. The final report will assess the goals and limitations in the development and achievement of the expected results/outputs. ANET shall provide SACEP and ICRAN with an electronic version of any reports using WP or MSWORD software.

Any portion of cash advances remaining unspent or uncommitted by ANET on completion of activities under this Memorandum will be reimbursed to SACEP within one month of the presentation of expenditure report. In the event of any delay in such reimbursement, ANET will be financially responsible for any adverse movement in exchange rates.

ANET shall retain, for a period of three (3) years, all supporting documentation relating to financial transactions under this Memorandum of Understanding. If requested, ANET shall facilitate an audit by the United Nations Board of Auditors or other relevant Audit Service.

9. Copyrights

Any publications prepared within this Memorandum will include in addition to the SACEP logo the EU, UNEP and ICRAN logos on the front cover, and will give due consideration to the EU guidelines. The statement 'with funding from the European Union' must accompany the logo on all materials produced as a result of this project.

10. Correspondence

All correspondence regarding this Memorandum between ANET and SACEP should be addressed to:

Dr. Arvind Boaz, Director General, SACEP, 10 Anderson Road, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka

Tel: (9411) 2 589 376

Fax: (9411) 2 589 369

e-mail: draboaz@yahoo.com

This memorandum between ANET and SACEP shall be in effect from the date of signature until **15th November 2008**.

Either party may terminate this memorandum before the expiry date of the Memorandum by giving notice in writing to the other party. The period of notice shall be fourteen days.

In the event of the Memorandum being terminated prior to its expiry date in this way, ANET shall be compensated on a pro rata basis for no more than the actual amount of work performed to the satisfaction of SACEP. Additional costs incurred by SACEP resulting from the termination of this Memorandum by ANET may be withheld from any amount due to ANET from SACEP.

No change in or modification of the Memorandum shall be made except by prior written consent of SACEP and ANET.

11. Final provisions

ANET shall indemnify, hold and save harmless and defend at its own expense SACEP, its officers, agents and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands and liability of any nature of kind, including costs and expenses, arising out of negligent misconduct of ANET or its employees in the performance of the terms of this Memorandum.



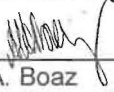
ANET shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor. Agents or employees of ANET shall not be considered in any respect as being officials or staff members of SACEP.

ANET shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to SACEP concerning the performance of its services under this Memorandum. ANET shall refrain from any action which may adversely affect SACEP.

In accordance with the above, the representatives of the Parties agree to sign this Memorandum of Understanding in Sri Lanka and India, in two originals in English.

Signed on behalf of

South Asia Co-operative
Environment Programme



Dr. A.A. Boaz
Director General
SACEP

Signed on behalf of

Andaman and Nicobar Islands
Environmental Team



Romulus Whitaker
Managing Trustee
MCBT/ANET
15 September 2008

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दिनांक Dated the 29th September, 2008

To
Dr. A.A. Boaz,
Director General,
SACEP,
Colombo.

Sub:- Awareness generation programme at MGMNP, Wandoor – reg

Sir,

This is with reference to email dated 25th September 2008 from Mr. Hiran Tillekaratne. The Department of Environment and Forests and authorities at MGMNP, Wandoor will coordinate the proposed awareness generation programme for which SACEP has decided to give funds to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust (MCBT), Mamallapuram. The programme will actually be implemented in the field by ANET, Wandoor a set up of MCBT in Andaman. It will be our endeavor that programme is implemented as envisaged in the revised MOU and time schedule during October-November 2008.

Yours faithfully,


(Ajai Saxena) 29/09/08
Conservator of Forests
(Wildlife)