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Inauguration of the SACRTF meeting by the lighting of oil-lamp



Hon. Minister for Energy, Environment and Water, Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Republic of Maldives delivering his speech of the meeting of the SACRTF



Hon. Mr. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources , Government of Sri Lanka, delivering his speech of the meeting of the SACRTF



Participants at the First SACRTF Regional Coordination meeting



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INTRODUCTION

The South Asia region was ranked the lowest in the world in terms of declared marine and coastal protected areas in the 2003 United Nations List of Protected Areas. In addition, the inclusion of essential coral reef habitat in MCPA provisions is minimal, making the Indian Ocean, with its wealth of coral reefs, seagrasses, and mangrove forests, perhaps the most poorly protected ocean. As a result, the degradation of coastal and marine resources continues at an unprecedented rate, and despite current protection measures, one third to half of the coral reefs of South Asia are now effectively dead, and a further 30% threatened.

The 2004 Status of Coral Reefs of the World report identified the major factors contributing to the continued resource degradation at MCPA sites encompassing coral reef habitats, prior to the Indian Ocean Tsunami event. This report specified limited interagency and governmental cooperation as an inhibitor to effective resource management across the South Asia region and recommended the introduction of overlapping and complementary mandates.

To improve marine and coastal resource management effectiveness in the South Asia region, stronger institutional links are needed across sectors, between policy developers and grassroots communities, for improved information exchanges, greater representation of stakeholders in management decision-making processes, and the effective implementation of identified national and regional priorities.

The establishment of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF) to facilitate the implementation of regional and international initiatives in the management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and to promote collaborative action, and transboundary responses to shared environmental challenges, was endorsed by the country governments of the 5 maritime nations of South Asia, at the SACEP Governing Council Meeting in Nepal, in January 2007.

Through extensive consultation with key regional stakeholders, the role, mandate and structure of the SACRTF was developed, and the resulting constitution document endorsed by the participants of the second regional resource coordination workshop held on the 25-27th July 2007, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. SACRTF representatives have been selected in accordance with the constitution document and regional nominations.

This working meeting is the first official meeting of the SACRTF representatives was held on 21st December 2007 in Colombo. The Chief Guest on this occasion was Hon. Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister of Environment Minister of Environment, Energy and Water, Republic of Maldives and Hon. Mr. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment & Natural Resources, Government of Sri Lanka was the Guest of Honour. The meeting was attended by the national members of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force from Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The International Community represented by IMM and IUCN.

The Meeting was held with the following objectives

- 1.1 Identify specific activities under each of the SACRTF priority implementation areas and develop a robust work plan, noting each activity lead, timeframe for implementation, and considering the following needs to:

1.1.1 Communication

- Identify a mechanism to advance and implement the SACRTF Exchange Programme in 2008.

1.1.2 Policy

- Identify an ICRI focal point to participate in ICRI General Meetings.
- Identify an agenda item and supporting materials for presentation at next SACEP GC.
- Develop a strategy for engagement with key coral reef entities: EACRTF, GCRMN, ICRMN, National Coral Reef Committee (India) & others.

1.1.3 Fundraising

- Identify an IYOR focal point for the SACRTF, and develop a roll out strategy for the effective coordination of a regional response to IYOR 2008.
- Identify a mechanism, and key actions to advance discussions with country governments on the sustainable financing and institutionalisation of the SACRTF.

1.2 Harmonise meetings/events calendar with the availability of members. Inform and update the SACRTF on the Sustainable Livelihoods Enhancement and Diversification (SLED) activities and outcomes in the South Asia MCPA Project, and consider how the SACRTF can help to advance the uptake of the SLED approach in the region.

1.3 Identify profile-raising materials required by the SACRTF and the process for their development.

- A strategy for the assessment of 'Environmental Education Call to Action proposals', and a deadline and process for notifying successful candidates.

1.4 Finalise SACRTF administration issues:

- Communications and coordination
- SACEP administration of SACRTF budget
- Selection of SACRTF Chairperson, Members and adoption of TOR
- Adoption of TOR for the Member Secretary
- Criteria and branding strategy for the SACRTF logo

2. Deliverables

- SACRTF work plan with specific activities, lead representatives, and timeframe identified under each of the priority action headings.
- Criteria, lead representative, and launch timeframe for the SACRTF Exchange Programme.
- An agenda item, supporting materials, and lead participants selected for SACEP GC.
- Participation of SACRTF representatives at local, regional, and international meetings of strategic importance coordinated, and finances allocated from the SACRTF budget.
- A list of promotional and outreach materials required by the SACRTF and plan for development.
- Key messages for SACRTF IYOR 2008 Organisation Profile and a list of SACRTF IYOR 2008 activities. IYOR Focal point identified for SACRTF and from each maritime nation in South Asia.
- Key actions, lead representatives, and timeframe for the institutionalisation of the SACRTF.
- Strategy for logo development.
- Communication and coordination strategy identified among SACRTF representatives.

AGENDA

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 2007	
INAUGURATION 09.00 – 09.30	
	Participants & Guests take their seats
	Arrival of Chief Guest Hon Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister of Environment Energy & Water, Republic of Maldives and Guest of Honour Hon. Mr. Patali Champika Ranawaka Minister of Environment and Natural Resources , Government of Sri Lanka, Hon. Patron Judge C. G. Weeramantry, Former Vice President, International Court of Justice. Inauguration with Lighting of Lamp.
	Welcome Address – Dr. Arvind Boaz, DG, SACEP
	Address by Hon. Patron Judge C. G. Weeramantry, Former Vice Chairman, International Court of Justice & Hon. Patron of SACRTF
	Address by Guest of Honour Hon. Mr. Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of Sri Lanka.
	Address by Chief Guest Hon Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister of Environment Energy & Water, Republic of Maldives
	Vote of Thanks
9.30-10.00	Coffee Break
SESSION 1 – INTRODUCTORY SESSION	
10.00 – 10.15	Introduction and formation of Groups
10.15 – 11.15	Group work. Each group will tackle one or more of the 4 priority areas in the constitution (Coordination, Communication, Research and Monitoring, Policy) to identify concrete actions that can be taken to advance each area.
11.15 – 12.30	Presentation of group outcomes to all participants and adoption of activities, lead representative within the SACRTF, and timeframe for each suggested action.
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
SESSION 2 – Activities of SACRTF	
13.30 – 14.00	Discussion - Elaborating a regional response to IYOR 2008 lead by Dr. Arvind Boaz, SACEP. - Identification of an IYOR focal point and key messages and activities for inclusion on the SACRTF profile.
14.00- 14.15	Environmental Education Call for Action and defining the process for Proposal Review.
14.15 –15.15	Discussion - Sustainable Financing and Institutionalisation of SACRTF lead by Dr. Arvind Boaz, SACEP. - Presentation and adoption of the projected annual budget of the SACRTF. - Identification of key actions/materials to advance institutionalisation of the SACRTF with country governments.
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee Break
15.30 – 16.15	Coral Reef Livelihoods Initiative: The role of the SACRTF in advancing the SLED approach. Presentation and discussion lead by IMM/IUCN.
16.15 – 16.30	Meeting/Event Calendar mapping and allocation of SACRTF budget.
SESSION 3 – SACRTF ADMINISTRATION	
16.30 – 17.30	Discussion of SACTF administration issues: - Selection of SACRTF Chair - Adoption of TOR for Chair and Member Secretary - Communications and Coordination - SACRTF Logo - Outreach Materials - MCPA Site Representatives
17.30	Meeting Close

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INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Inauguration with Lighting of Lamp by the Chief Guest Hon Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister of Environment Energy & Water, Republic of Maldives and Guest of Honour Hon. Mr. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment Natural Resources, Government of Sri Lanka, and representative of Hon. Patron Judge C. G. Weeramantry, Former Vice President, International Court of Justice.

- Dr. Arvind Boaz, Director General of SACEP provided the welcome address to participants and invitees on behalf of the organising committee, who said that the significance of this initiative to SACEP is honoured to host this Task Force at the SACEP Secretariat and pledged its fullest support to ensure the meeting of the objectives of this Task Force.
- Speech of Hon. Patron-SACRTF, Judge C. G. Weeramantry, Former Vice President, International Court of Justice & Hon. Patron of SACRTF (Read by Mr. Neshan Gunasekera) and encouraged an inclusive, important meeting at which guidelines will be laid down for the future work of the SACRTF.
- Address by Guest of Honour Hon. Mr. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of Sri Lanka highlighted the SACRTF would facilitate the implementation of regional and international initiatives in the management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and to promote collaborative action, and transboundary responses to shared environmental challenges, which was endorsed by the country governments.
- Address by Chief Guest Hon Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister of Environment Energy & Water, Republic of Maldives delivering the keynote address briefed the meeting on the importance of preserving this fragile ecosystem and went on to speak at length on the outcome of the recently concluded Bali Meeting on Climate Change. He said that the outcome of this meeting was very encouraging and that the decisions taken saw new hope for the preservation of the climate for future generations.
- Mr. Hiran Tillekaratne Programme Officer-SACEP, delivered the vote of thanks to all concerned.

SESSION 1

1.1 INTRODUCTORY SESSION led by Dr. Arvind Boaz, SACEP

The meeting adopted the agenda and after the introductory presentation of the SACRTF by Dr. A.A. Boaz, Dr. K. Venkataraman, was appointed as the official reporter of the meeting. Participants worked in 3 different groups to discuss the key challenges of facing marine and coastal stakeholders in the region under the 3 different topics Coordination, Communication, Research, Monitoring and Policy. Each Group were asked to reflect on the broader context of one or more of the 4 priority areas and the implications in the constitution to identify concrete actions that can be taken to advance each area. The groups were asked to provide guidance to the project in its development of tools and services to assist communication within the region. Presentation of group outcomes were discussed with all participants and adoption of activities, lead representative within the SACRTF, and timeframe for each suggested action.

Several key points emerged from this group discussion other than the distributed position paper. The recommendations of each group are given below.

Group-1: COMMUNICATION

Ms. Gayathri Sriskanthan, Programme Officer, IUCN presented the Group out come

- 1. Reporting mechanisms**-Need for a quarterly report mechanism, based on a standardized reporting format which will be submitted by the focal points at the national level to the SACRTF secretariat/regional focal point and shared via the MCPA website.
- 2. Capacity building activities**-SACRTF should support capacity building targeting 3 major areas (1) MCPA managers; (2) Schools and communities, and; (3) Research and monitoring.
- 3. Identify Strategic partnerships and linkages to the regional and international level**-SACRTF should try to institutionalize existing informal links with regional and international bodies; strategically present itself at key national, regional and international fora, and; formalize a SACRTF position statement.
- 4. Awareness of decision and policy makers**-SACRTF should improve the understanding of policy and decision makers through engaging with existing environmental fora at the policy/decision making level; publicize its position statement with civil society organizations instrumental in lobbying activities in the region.

Group-2: COORDINATION

Dr. B.P. Nilaratna, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest, India, presented the Group out come and participants further emphasised several key issues that are relevant to the development of an appropriate coordination strategy for the project:

- 1. Multilateral Linkages**-Lead and facilitate the development of strong multilateral linkages for all aspects of coral reef management within and between countries by engaging strategic stakeholders in SACRTF activities, and providing a focal representation Ministry Central or Federal Government Departments for coral reef management.
 - Focal Point
 - Ascertaining Stakeholder Concerned
 - National and Provincial, District, Local levels
 - Stakeholders – Local Community, NGO's, Local Governments, Law Enforcing Authorities, Research Groups
- 2. Capacity Building** – Local, National, Provincial, District and Local
- 3. Regional Initiatives** – Work alongside key national stakeholders to establish national Coral Reef Task Forces (CRTF), with multi-sector representation, to support the development of National, Provincial, District and Local capacity in research, management and government, coordinate communication at the national level, and serve as a platform to share information with regional initiatives and exchange of information at regional level for actions and remedies.
- 4. National Action Plan**
 - A) Examine capacity needs – National, Provincial, District, Local Levels.
 - B) Review of Existing Mechanisms - Lacking and Improvements
 - C) Methodology of capacity building - Electronic, Print Media, Public meetings, Field visits, Seminars, School curricula, Hoardings etc
- 5. Regional Actions Strategy**- Prepare a regional coral reef action strategy, and Legal Framework incorporating the key findings on the development and implementation of a networked system of MCPAs across the South Asia region, and identify supporting frameworks for effective implementation.
- 6. Regional Mandate Coordination** Examine capacity needs, evaluate and review existing mechanisms for coral reef conservation and management, and where

appropriate encourage each country to design national action plans or equivalent strategies, under the umbrella of the regional action strategy.

7. **Focal Point Institutions** – Initiate discussions regarding the development of a coordinated regional mandate or mechanism to more effectively respond to natural and man made disasters.
 - Directly related institutes
 - Increase co ordination potentials at Different Levels
8. **NGO's-** Civil Society and Local Community Representatives. Local Authorities.
9. **Legal Framework**
10. **International / Coordination** Designate institutions as a focal point for coral reefs to increase coordination potential within the region and international (Out of South Asia)

Group 3- RESEARCH, MONITORING, POLICY, AND FUNDRAISING

Mr. Ben Cattermoul, Livelihoods, Planning & Economics Specialist of Integrated Marine Management Ltd presented the Group outcome.

POLICY

1. **Policy Review-** Undertake a review of existing policies related to coral reef management and conservation in the region, in collaboration with the SACRTF Patron, and present the findings to authorities to influence the review of existing legislation and policy change at the national level as appropriate.
 - Policies that directly relate to reefs
 - Develop Structure
2. **Elevate the South Asia experience to the international level** by engagement in ICRI. 2 member representative of the SACRTF to will participate in ICRI General Meetings.
3. **SACEP GC-**Raise awareness of the need for political engagement in coral reef management through high-level political segment meetings. The SACRTF will present specific agenda items at each SACEP Governing Council meeting to raise awareness of needs, and develop political will in support the SACRTF.

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

1. **Activity-**Identify the strengths in each country in all aspects of research and monitoring related to coral reefs. Develop a mechanism to ensure knowledge and training is shared and exchanged among the participating countries in accordance with needs.
 - Action Plan for Biophysical, Social aspects should be prepared.
 - Training for monitoring
 - Review International Best Practice.
2. **Review of Research and Monitor-** Encourage each country to effectively establish national monitoring programmes for coral reefs and associated ecosystems and recommend better coordination within and between countries in the region in the design and implementation of monitoring programmes.
 - Who, What, What for, How to get, How used and identify existing research strategies.
3. **Research Production-**Promote both biophysical and socio economic assessment/monitoring action Plan and more effective coordination with regional and international monitoring programmes.
 - Recommendation from Ministers on importance of coral reefs conservation and statement on livelihoods and reefs.
 - Review existing information and new institutes, Prepare structure for survey and Distribute survey and request reports, Review International Best Practice.

FUNDRAISING

1. **Raise the profile of coral reefs issues** and successful initiatives in the region in order to garner support from donor community and attract funds.
2. **Package existing or new activities** to create a regional effort in support of the International Year of the Reef 2008, and other mass awareness raising campaigns.
3. **Meeting calendar** of coral reef forums, venues and meetings, against the movements of SACRTF representatives to maximise representation of the SACRTF regionally and internationally.
4. **Budget projection** for the annual maintenance of the SACRTF to present to country governments, to advance the identification of a sustainable structure and funding mechanism to ensure the continuation of the SACRTF.
5. **Existing national budget allocations** for coral reef conservation and management to identify potential financial support for the SACRTF.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Outputs of the discussion of all the 3 groups will be developed through future activities in close collaboration with participating institutions and following recommendations were emerged from the discussion;

- Participants highlighted the importance of appoint Focal Point National Coordinator to link the National and Regional activities of the Task Force.
- Concerns were raised in the development of education curricular including coral reef information discussed as possible ways to include in all 5 maritime nations.
- Develop standardized reporting format by the end Jan 08 and 1st quarterly report shall be submitted by end March 08.
- Select MCPA manager level participants for (a) MCPA Managers toolkit, (b) site level exchange activities by end Jan 08. Identify national/ regional experts on MCPA issues and management for the development of training activities by end Jan 08.
- Develop a short list of regional and international bodies of relevance with focal point contact details– to be made available on MCPA website and formally introduce SACRTF to the identified regional and international focal points by end March 08
- Create plan of action for engaging with education/community outreach initiatives by end August 08 by the Regional focal point in collaboration with national focal points.
- Review of information on Research and Policy within the region and prepare a central data base/ information center at SACEP. Establish mechanisms to ensure that the work both builds on past experiences in the region and that it effectively informs future plans and interventions.
- Prepare structure for survey for the review of existing information on research and new institutes and distribute survey and request reports, website etc.
- Within next 6 months, policy review, identify lacking and general statement and enforcement mechanism on conservation of Coral Reef by the country governments. SACEP GC Recommendation from Ministers on importance of coral reefs conservation and statement on livelihoods and reefs.
- Ensure that this component of the project is clearly and effectively linked into other programme activities.

SESSION 2

Activities of SACRTF led by Dr. Arvind Boaz, SACEP.

Dr. Boaz made following presentations to brief the members about the various issues to be discussed as per the agenda.

2.1 Identification of an International Year of the Reef 2008 (IYOR) focal point and key messages and activities for inclusion on the SACRTF profile.

The International Coral Reef Initiative designated 2008 as the International Year of the Reef (IYOR 2008). IYOR 2008 will be a year long global campaign to raise mass awareness on the importance of coral reefs and the need for their sustainable management. Only one other region is currently presenting a coordinated regional response to the IYOR 2008 challenge.

Potential role of the SACRTF in leading a regional level response to IYOR were agreed by participants as an excellent mechanism to not only generate political will for coral reef conservation and management, but also to raise the profile and visibility of the SACRTF within the region.

IYOR 2008 focal point to coordinate the effort, and generate an organisational profile for the SACRTF on the IYOR website (www.iyor.org). In developing this profile representatives will need to supply contact information, and details of specific activities that will be undertaken, or showcased by the SACRTF in support of IYOR in 2008. (*Further information is included in Annex 5.*) It is noted that the East African Coral Reef Task Force also has an IYOR 2008 organisational profile page.

2.2 Environmental Education Call for Action and defining the process for Proposal Review.

A Call for Action was released in September 2007, through the South Asia MCPA Project, to request short proposals from each of the 5 participating MCPA sites for activities that raise awareness among coastal communities of the importance and value of coral reefs, and which help to demonstrate the role of MCPAs in their sustainable management. The deadline for proposal submissions is 31 December 2007. (*Further information on the Call to Action is included in Annex 6.*)

2.3 Sustainable Financing and Institutionalisation of SACRTF by Dr. Arvind Boaz

Projected annual budget of the SACRTF was presented and asked to identify key actions/materials to advance institutionalisation of the SACRTF with country governments. Members were adopted the annual budget and possibilities for match funding from country governments was highlighted to this targeted initiative.

2.4 Coral Reef Livelihoods Initiative (CORALI): The role of the SACRTF in advancing the SLED approach.

Under the South Asia MCPA project, activities are underway with field teams and coastal communities in the 5 participating countries to develop and test a globally appropriate approach to sustainable livelihood enhancement, diversification and change in the context of coral reef management. Detailed information on the approach, and case studies to demonstrate the impact and success of the approach with communities from sites across the region, presented by **Mr. Ben Cattermoul**, Livelihoods, Planning & Economics Specialist of Integrated Marine Management Ltd at the meeting.

CORALI partners will coordinate a policy forum in the first quarter of 2008 to raise the profile of the SLED approach and to promote the uptake of new and effective livelihood approaches regionally. Further information on CORALI is (*included in Annex 8*), or can be viewed at www.coralweb.org

Following the presentation by Mr. Ben Cattermoul, the issues of monitoring and evaluation criteria of SLED approach was discussed. It was felt that an independent review of this approach should be undertaken in order to identify how effective this approach has been raise the livelihoods of the dependent population. This is necessary before this approach can be proposed to be adopted in the region.

2.5 SACRTF Work Plan / Event Calendar mapping and allocation of SACRTF budget.

A suite of management plans, policies, and national and international strategies exist to support the management of marine and coastal resources in the South Asia region. However, the realisation of policy and strategies at the ground level is often poor. As such, the SACRTF has been established with the following mission statement:

'To actively participate in, and support, the effective implementation of existing national regulations, action plans and strategies for the management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and to promote the development of strategic linkages for enhanced regional cooperation, and the establishment of an effective, networked system of marine and coastal protected areas in the South Asia region.'

A list of broad priority actions was endorsed at the second regional workshop to form the basis for the annual SACRTF work plan. The meeting representatives were requested to identify specific activities that can be undertaken in support of each action, a lead party, and a timeframe for implementation. The SACRTF were also requested to consider the following opportunities in the elaboration of the work plan:

- **Capacity Development Training for MCPA Managers**

IUCN Asia and ICRAN are leading the adaptation of the highly successful 'Western Indian Ocean toolkit for managing MPAs' for the South Asia context. The modular toolkit will provide simple reference materials on a wide range of subjects relevant to effective management. Case studies are currently being collated from across the region to showcase the successful activities already underway, and regional training for MCPA managers will be conducted in May 2008 on the use and application of the toolkit in MCPA management.

- **SACRTF Managers Exchange Programme**

The SACRTF was established with a key strategic objective to promote the effective implementation of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MCPAs) and to advance the concept and discussions of a network of MCPAs in the South Asia region.

To develop the capacity of resource managers at existing MCPAs in preparation for network development, and in order to meet the objectives of the South Asia MCPA Project under which the SACRTF is established, the SACRTF will establish and coordinate a programme of exchange or exposure visits for MCPA managers and policy makers from across the region, allowing countries and sites to benefit from each others experiences and management efforts, and demonstrating management challenges and successes at MCPA sites. Based on the extent and well manage sites among the 5 maritime nations, Mahatma Gandhi National Park and Andaman Islands, India was selected as the first site.

- **ICRI**

The development of linkages to the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), and the attendance of a SACRTF representative (in addition to the Member Secretary) at each ICRI General Meeting were identified as key opportunities to feed regional information into government and policy processes, alongside raising the profile of the SACRTF among the international donor community. The next ICRI General Meeting will take place in Washington from 22-25th January 2008. SACRTF representatives were requested to identify a participant and feedback to the ICRI Secretariat on the nomination. Representatives were requested to consider key profile-raising materials required for this purpose and the process for their development. (*Further info on ICRI is provided in Annex 4.*)

- **SACEP Governing Council**

The SACEP governing council (GC) is the principal deliberative and review body responsible for determining policies, strategies and programmes of SACEP. It is represented at the ministerial level and periodically meets to take decisions of strategic significance. Since becoming a legal entity in 1982, SACEP has held eight regular GC meetings and three special sessions. The establishment of the SACRTF was officially endorsed at the SACEP GC meeting held in Nepal in January 2007 by all participating country governments. The next SACEP GC meeting will be conducted in early 2008 and representatives were asked to consider developing an agenda item for the GC which will help to advance the SACRTF work plan.

- **Meeting Harmonisation**

Provision has been made in the SACRTF budget to facilitate the attendance of SACRTF representatives at meetings of strategic importance for regional/local priorities, and the work plan priorities of the SACRTF. In order to ensure good representation at international meetings, raise the profile of SACRTF activities, and effectively administer the limited funds available, representatives were requested to review the calendar of events and meetings presented and inform the Member Secretary of any events to which their attendance is already planned. (*Calendar of events is detailed in Annex 1*)

Key points emerged from this discussion:

- Dr. Boaz highlighted the role of the project in supporting the development of human and technical capacity at existing MCPAs across the region. For the IYOR 2008, Brand Ambassador could be selected from famous singers, sports persons etc for raising profile of the Coral Reef Task Force and the activities planned for implementation at 5 sites across the region of ideal characteristics to be demonstrated by potential sites, to support the implementation of these activities.
- The importance of understanding current livelihood strategies and as a starting point for working towards livelihood development and change.
- It was requested that MCPA sites with common resource properties, such as encompassing coral reef and associated habitats in their boundaries, be the focal areas for this initiative to facilitate the replication of effective actions between sites, and focus efforts for a greater deliverable impact through the project.
- Identify regional/international fora that SACRTF should be engaging with (e.g. ICRS, ITMEMS and draft time table of key regional/international fora that SACRTF will be engaging with over 2008 and develop a strategy of engagement with these fora that support SACRTF's core aims, climate change fora, UN processes) by the end of Feb 08.
- Present SACRTF position statement to the SACEP governing council meeting and develop SACRTF position statement and communicate this at ministerial level by the end June 08.
- Identify civil society organizations that lobby policy/decision makers; communicate the priorities identified by SACRTF to these organizations by the end June 08.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the presentations and the subsequent discussion, the following recommendations for the implementation by the Task Force were agreed upon:

- The possibilities for match funding from country governments and other international funding agencies were highlighted to this targeted initiative.
- Identification of 5 proposals for the implementation of project activities under the Environmental Education Call for Action representatives from all 5 countries, appropriateness of extension of the Proposal date till 31st January, 2008 for the

nominated sites in accordance with the suggested criteria. It was clarified that it is obligatory in the “call for Action” that the proposal should be submitted by the MCPA management staff in collaboration with others. Short listed proposals will be then reviewed according to the potential for demonstrable impact that might be realised through the project at each site. SACRTF representatives were requested to identify a strategy for the assessment of proposals and set a deadline for announcing the successful candidates.

- It was resolved that the funds for this activity will be administrated by the member secretary of SACRTF who will act as a focal point for this exercise and develop the contracts based on the successful proposal. The member secretary is authorised to get necessary funds to be allocated to the MCPA Mangers.
- It was noted that each site will be allocated adequate resources from the project for the implementation of training, enforcement and education programmes. These programmes will be developed in collaboration with local partners and management agencies to ensure a complementary and appropriate local focus and to add value to the existing efforts. Where appropriate, lessons learned will be transferred between sites related to the development and implementation of training.
- The Government of India will select one of the major coral reefs sites for the managers exchange programme and India agreed to facilitate the programme. It was noted that all training and capacity building activities would be implemented in conjunction with the selected sites, to address multiple elements of management, enforcement and education, and to encourage the improved operation and outputs at these sites and their use as better management practice examples within countries and across the region.
- The exchange/exposure visit programme should focus initially on the 5 MCPA sites selected for inclusion in project activities. SACRTF representatives are requested to identify a suitable mechanism for participant selection, and a supportive administration structure.
- It was decided to review the benefits of the SLED approach to the local population in order to identify, in real terms the effectiveness of the approach and then subsequently to think about proposing the adoption of the approach for the region.
- Along with the member secretary, chairperson of the SACRTF will participate in the next ICRI General Meeting which will take place in Washington from 22-25th January 2008, and the nomination will be sent to the ICRI Secretariat.
- Discussions and facilitation of communication between marine and coastal stakeholders within the region will be developed and identification of options and priorities for a unifying communication strategy will be done.
- June 2nd 2008, as appropriate date for a second regional meeting to finalise draft outputs resulting from this meeting. Country Governments are asked to nominate their representatives to ensure effective allocation of the SACRTF budget, and can facilitate the identification of a suitable location for the next SACRTF meeting.

SESSION 3

SACRTF ADMINISTRATION led by Dr. Arvind Boaz, SACEP

3.1 Adoption of TOR for Chair and Member Secretary

Selection of SACRTF Chairperson

The agreed SACRTF constitution states that selection will be by consensus of the SACRTF, from a nominee among the country government representatives, and that the Chairperson must serve for a period of one year. A TOR was approved (included in *Annex 10*) by the SACRTF representatives at this meeting.

Member Secretary

The Director General of SACEP will serve as the Member Secretary of the SACRTF to provide continuity and administration support to the SACRTF. A TOR is included in Annex 6 and SACRTF representatives were reviewed and adopted the TOR at the meeting.

3.2 Sustainable Financing of the SACRTF

Funds to support the initial establishment of the SACRTF have been generously provided by the European Union, through the South Asia MCPA project. After the project close on 31 December 2008, no further funds will be provided to the SACRTF. Participants at the second regional workshop recognised the need to develop a sustainable financing strategy as critical to ensuring the continuation of the SACRTF and the expansion of the network to incorporate national level coral reef task forces in each participating country. Projected budget for the annual operating costs of the SACRTF was presented and adopted at the meeting. (*Annex 7*)

3.3 Outreach Materials

First SACRTF introductory brochure was launched at the meeting and further proposed development of outreach materials such as Leaflets, Brochures, Posters, Video Clips, Newsletters etc. Young Asia TV will be contacted for a free video programme on regional sites.

3.5 MCPA Site Representatives

According to the constitution based on country nominations and decision of the 2nd Regional Workshop, temporary Members of the Selected MCPA Project sites to be nominated by the governments who will work on the Task Force till the National Task Force are formed.

3.6 SACRTF Logo

A Logo competition was launched across the region to develop a unique and exciting logo for the SACRTF. Submissions were presented to the participants of the second regional workshop for consideration. Some excellent entries were received; however participants felt that further design options were needed. Thus the SACRTF was requested to finalise criterias for logo development. Dr. Boaz presented following key attributes of the logo.

- The logo must be clear even when reduced to a size of less than 1 sq cm.
- The logo must give equal recognition to the five participating maritime countries.
- The logo must focus on the conservation and development of the coral reef and associated ecosystems.
- The logo must find some place for the abbreviations SACRTF.

Several key points emerged from this session discussion:

- The importance of linking work on livelihoods with effective environmental management measures, including enforcement.
- The importance of linkages and partnerships with institutions and initiatives that have long-term commitments to working with stakeholder communities - given the complexities involved in working on livelihoods, and the long timeframes often required in order to achieve sustainable results.
- The importance of feeding developed approaches and methodologies for working on livelihood enhancement and diversification into longer-term, on-going initiatives to enhance impacts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations were agreed upon during the course of discussions:

- The house unanimously decided India as the Chairperson for the SACRTF.
- Representatives suggested the most suitable way to remain in communication and coordination in between SACRTF meetings is through the member secretary of SACRTF who should set a regular communication to promote coordination.
- SACRTF representatives agreed on a representative from each MCPA site, if not already done so and ensure that they are included in all future SACRTF correspondence and meetings. Till such time that the country task forces are established and one member nominated them on the regional task force.
- Incorporate the effective application of information for coral reef management into capacity building training under the project.
- Pakistan has already nominated the Country Task Force and the secretariat requested the other country governments to form the National Task Force nominations.
- India has already National Committee on Coral reef and Mangrove which will function as National Coral Reef Task force and country Working Group including more members.
- The members of the task force thanked the EU for providing the generous finance for the project and establishment of the SACRTF. The members expressed their concern over the delay in the launching of the project and only about one year left for all activities to be completed in the project.
- It was decided that in order to ensure the smooth running of the project and ownership of the maritime countries, of the SA region, the project activities should be implemented by SACEP, which is the implementing agency of the project. It should therefore be ensured that all funds for activities under the project should be put at the disposal of SACEP to ensure the timely completion of the project. This is important as the member countries of SACEP have consented to this project as a project being implemented by SACEP.
- It was agreed to identify a strategy to advance discussions on the sustainable financing and institutionalisation of the SACRTF in the region at the SACEP GC.
- SACRTF representatives were agreed upon the listed detailed criteria of logo attributes, and re-advertise the regional logo competition. (*see Annex 11*)
- The criterias for the SACRTF logo were approved. The best date for entries of the logo competition should be kept 15th February after which the logo will be finalised by a three member sub-committee of the SACRTF consisting of the Patron, Chairman and the Member Secretary.

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MESSAGE BY JUDGE C.G. WEERAMANTRY, FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AND PATRON OF THE SOUTH ASIA CORAL REEF TASK FORCE (SACRTF)

I regret very much my inability to be present on the occasion of the 1st coordination meeting of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF).

This is an important meeting at which guidelines will be laid down for the future work of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF) and it is therefore, an occasion when we need to take stock of the activities and projects calling for attention in the year ahead.

Our organization is charged with a responsibility of great importance to our region and to environments in general, for it is a priceless inheritance which we are called upon to protect.

All this calls for a dissemination of information throughout the region both on the importance of coral reefs and on the dangers to which they are currently exposed, for very often they are damaged unthinkingly without a proper awareness of the irreparable nature of the damage that is being done. If the public were sensitised to the dangers and to their responsibilities in this regard, this damage could be minimized.

Profile raising material needs to be collected and specific activities need to be planned and this requires intensive effort on the part of all concerned.

I believe our membership has the necessary dedication and the necessary talent to make a considerable impact on the work of protection and conservation.

I wish you well in your deliberations and am sure that this important meeting will achieve the necessary results for identifying and programming our activities in the year ahead. If we should succeed in achieving our goals we would have made a distinctive and worthwhile contribution to the environmental cause on a world wide basis.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST HON MR. AHMED ABDULLAH,
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT ENERGY & WATER, REPUBLIC OF
MALDIVES**

It is indeed a great honour for me to be present as Chief Guest at the First Meeting of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force, under the European Union Funded Project titled Long Term Management and Conservation of Marine and Coastal Resources in South Asia.

Many of you may be aware that SACEP is an Intergovernmental Organisation, the first to be established in this region to deal exclusively with the environmental concerns of its member countries which comprise of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan & Sri Lanka. It came into being in January 1982 with the adoption of the Colombo Declaration and the Articles of Association.

The aims and objectives of SACEP are to promote and support the protection and enhancement of the South Asia individually, collectively and co-operatively and to encourage the judicious use of the resources of the environment with a view to alleviating poverty, reducing socio economic disparities and improving the quality of life of the people.

Among the key functions of SACEP are: promoting co-operative activities in environmental protection and management which are beneficial to the member state; facilitating sharing of knowledge and expertise; and providing resources for project implementation through donor assistance and support.

One of key programme activities of SACEP is the South Asian Seas Programme coming under the broader umbrella of UNEP's Regional Seas Programme and is one of 17 such programmes globally. The Secretariat for the implementation of the Action Plan of this programme is SACEP and the 4 priority subject areas under the action plan are:

1. Integrated Coastal Zone Management
2. Development and Implementation of National and Regional Oil and Chemical Spill Contingency Planning
3. Human Resources Development through Strengthening Regional Centres of Excellence
4. Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities

The 2003 United Nations List of Protected Area ranked South Asia Region lowest in terms of Marine and Coastal Protected Area making the Indian Ocean with its wealth of coral reefs, sea grasses and Mangrove forests, one of most poorly protected coastline. As a result and despite current protection measure, the degradation of coastal and marine resources continues at an unprecedented rate.

Through a grant from the European Union, activities have commenced in the 5 maritime nations of South Asia to develop management capacity and training tools, to improve communications and data management, to strengthen co-operation and to develop a systematic approach to livelihood diversification in coastal communities.

In connection with the above and to advance co-operation and co-ordination for the management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems one of major activities is the establishment of a South Asia Coral Reef Task Force consisting of high level government officials and selected international and National experts.

I would be failing my duties if I do not thank UNEP and ICRAN for having chosen the South Asian Seas region for priority activities, the European Union for the generous financial assistance and last but not least the member governments for their support to this activity.

I am pleased to be present on this historic occasion and I wish that this First Meeting of the Task Force will prove to be a boon to the Coral Reef and Associated Ecosystems Conservation and Development in the region and become a body for promoting strong co-operation in such activities amongst the member countries

It is very important of preserving this fragile ecosystem within the region and the recently concluded Bali Meeting on Climate Change is a great support in this regional initiative. The outcome of this meeting will be very encouraging and that the decisions taken would raise new hope for the preservation of the climate for future generations.

I highly appreciate the decision taken by the Government of Australia in ratifying the Kyoto Protocol and the efforts of the Former Vice President of the USA Mr. Al Gore for his efforts in the field of Climate Change.

I greatly appreciate the role that SACEP is playing for the conservation efforts of the coral reef in the region and its efforts to establish the SACRTF through extensive consultation with key regional stakeholders. The resulting constitution document has been endorsed by the participants of the second regional resource coordination workshop held on the 25-27th July 2007, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. SACRTF representatives have been selected in accordance with the constitution document and regional nominations.

I am sure the SACRTF has brought together a vast array of expertise and personnel in the region to guide and meet its objectives. I wish it all the success in its future endeavours.

Thank you

**SPEECH BY GUEST OF HONOUR HON. MR. PATALI CHAMPIKA
RANAWAKA, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES,
GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA**

I am greatly honoured to be present here this morning as the Guest of Honour at the Inaugural Meeting of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF) which was launched on 27th July 2007 under the European Union Funded project titled Long Term Management and conservation of Marine and Coastal Resources in South Asia

Initially I wish to welcome the Hon. Chairman of the South Asia Seas, H.E. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister of Environment, Water and Energy, Maldives for having kindly consented to honour us on this occasion by being the Chief Guest. Under his guidance the South Asian Seas Programme has made wide strides in meeting the objectives of its Action Plan

I also wish to recognise the presence of the Patron of the Task Force Former Vice President of the International Court of Justice Judge C. G. Weeramantry. I also wish congratulate him with his recent awards, an Alternative Nobel Prize and more recently the Highest Honour bestowed to a Sri Lankan by H. E. The President of Sri Lanka – The **Sri Lankabhivmanya** Award. With his guidance I am sure the Coral Reef Task force would achieve its objective

The Sri Lanka Government is privileged to be the host government for SACEP which is one of the oldest regional intergovernmental organisations in the world and the Government of Sri Lanka have had a very cordial working relationship with SACEP.

We consider this project a timely initiative undertaken by SACEP and are pleased to note the support provided by UNEP through its ICRAN Programme. The region is also thankful to the European Union for providing financial support.

Most of who are present are aware that the establishment of the SACRTF was to facilitate the implementation of regional and international initiatives in the management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and to promote collaborative action, and transboundary responses to shared environmental challenges, which was endorsed by the country governments of the 5 maritime nations of South Asia, at the SACEP Governing Council Meeting in Nepal, in January 2007.

It has been observed that SACRTF has brought together a vast array of expertise and personnel in the region to guide and meet its objectives.

I have been also made to understand that the objectives of this meeting are to

- Identify specific activities under each of the SACRTF priority implementation areas and develop a robust work plan
- Inform and update the SACRTF on the Sustainable Livelihoods Enhancement and Diversification (SLED) activities and outcomes in the South Asia MCPA Project
- Identify profile-raising materials required by the SACRTF and the process for their development
- Finalise SACRTF administration issues

On behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka I welcome all our friends and also the international community for their presence and technical support for this activity.

I wish this meeting the very best and also wish all foreign delegates a very pleasant stay in Sri Lanka.

Thank you

WELCOME SPEECH BY DR. A. A. BOAZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL SACEP

- ❖ Chief Guest - Hon. Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister of Environment Minister of Environment, Energy and Water, Republic of Maldives
- ❖ Guest of Honour - Hon. Mr. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment & Natural Resources, Government of Sri Lanka
- ❖ Mr. Neshan Gunasekera, Deputy Director, Weeramantry International Centre for Peace, Education & Research
- ❖ Dignitaries from International and Local Agencies
- ❖ Distinguished Members of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force
- ❖ Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme and as Member Secretary of the SACRTF let me warmly welcome all those present this morning for the Inaugural Session of this 1st Meeting of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF).

21st December 2007 is a red letter day in the history of SACEP and the South Asian Seas Programme. It sees the inauguration of a ground breaking activity as the first meeting of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force, which is only the 2nd in the world and the first in the Asian Region. It also sees the beginning of a new era of activity in the management of Coral Reefs in South Asia which at present is facing severe environmental threats, mainly man made

SACEP is greatly honoured by the presence of **Hon. Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister of Environment Minister of Environment, Energy and Water, Republic of Maldives**, who is also the Chairman of the South Asian Seas Programme. His continued patronage to the activities coming under the South Asian Seas Programme has been a source of encouragement to the SAS Secretariat. He has unfailingly attended all major event of the South Asian Seas Programme since he took Chairmanship of the South Asian Seas Programme.

I am indebted by the presence of Hon. Mr. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment & Natural Resources, Government of Sri Lanka Our Guest of Honour. I am thankful for his constant support to all initiatives of SACEP and his constant guidance to increase the activity of this oldest regional intergovernmental organisations in the world. The personal interest shown by our Guest of Honour in supporting the activities of SACEP at all every environmental fora is a major factor in bringing of recognition of SACEP to the international world. We at SACEP look forward to your continued support in all our ventures

The Patron of the Task Force H. E. Judge C. G. Weeramantry is unable to be here with us as he has many important commitments overseas but he has very kindly sent us his message for this meeting and also sent a representative of his organisation Mr. Neshan Gunasekera to be here with us. We welcome you Mr. Gunasekera and look forward to your contribution to this meeting

The presence of a large gathering of Experts from the National and International Community is indeed a matter of pride and great satisfaction,

The Mission Statement of the Coral Reef Task Force is very commendable, and I quote

“To actively participate in, and support, the effective implementation of existing national regulations, action plans and strategies for the management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and to promote the development of strategic linkages for enhanced regional cooperation, and the establishment of an effective, networked system of marine and coastal protected areas in the South Asia region”.

Its primary task is to formulate an action plan within existing management frameworks to improve the co-operative management of critical marine habitats. The inclusion of key coral reef stakeholders in the SACRTF will facilitate the exchange of site-based realities to governments, donor organisations, and other relevant fora alike, and will provide environmental information to support policy makers and politicians on a national and regional level, in the development and review of policy. The SACRTF will also undertake focused action to assist countries in transboundary matters and in the attainment of commitments to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).

I am confident that this meeting will decide on the various critical issues related to the task force and also chart out a long term sustainable strategy for the task force that will prove to be a boon for the management of coral reefs and related ecosystems in the South Asian Region.

On behalf of SACEP I wish to pledge SACEP’s fullest support in meeting the goals of Task Force and I wish this meeting the very best and also wish all foreign delegates a very pleasant stay in Sri Lanka.

Thank you

ANNEX 1 – MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Policy Level Targets and Meetings

2007				
21-Dec	SACRTF Meeting	Colombo, Sri Lanka		www.sacep.org
Feb-Marc	SACEP GC			www.sacep.org

Conference and Events

2008				
Jan 22-25	ICRI General Meeting	Washington, DC, USA		www.icriforum.org
Feb-08	SLED Policy Forum	tbc	Forum to raise the profile of the SLED approach among policy makers and decision makers from across the region	-
Mar 2-7, 2008	2008 Ocean Sciences Meeting	Orlando, Florida	The theme of the 2008 Ocean Science meeting in Orlando is "From the Watershed to the Global Ocean"	http://www.aslo.org/orlando2008
Mar 11-13th, 2008	Oceanology International, 2008 Conference	Excel Centre, London	Technology, Sustainability and the Oceans	www.oceanologyinternational.com
May-08	Training for MCPA managers on the use and application of the regional toolkit for managers in South Asia	tbc	Linked side events to SLED activities and biophysical monitoring to be confirmed.	-
July 7-11, 2008	"11th International Coral Reef Symposium (11th ICRS 2008)"	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA		Web: www.nova.edu/ncri/11icrs/
July 11-13, 2008	ICRI GM	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA		www.icriforum.org
July 13-18 2008	"22nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology"	The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA		http://www.conbio.org/Activities/Meetings
October 5-14, 2008	4th IUCN World Conservation Congress	Barcelona, Spain		
November 11-15, 2008	World Conference on Marine Biodiversity	Valencia, Spain	The deadline for sessions is November 1st 2007 (call is open). The deadline for abstracts is February 1st 2008 (registration opens in November).	http://www.marbef.org/worldconference/
2009				
	World Ocean Summit	Manado, Sulawesi, Indonesia		

ANNEX 2 – SACRTF Nominated Representatives

Constitution based on country nominations and decision of the 2nd Regional Workshop

SACRTF-Composition

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2. Coral Reef Ecosystem Expert, one from each country (5)

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3. CRTF Representative, one from each country (5) –(Till the National Task Force are formed, Temporary Members of the Selected MCPA Project sites to be nominated by the governments will work on the Task Force)

4.

No.	MCPA Project Site	CRTF Representative <i>(till formation, Temporary members of selected MCPA Project Sites)</i>
I	Bangladesh -St. Martins Island	<i>To be nominated by the Country Government</i>
ii	India- Mahatma Gandhi National Park and Andaman Islands	<i>To be nominated by the Country Government</i>
iii	Maldives-Baa Atoll	<i>To be nominated by the Country Government</i>
iv	Sri Lanka- Bar Reef	<i>To be nominated by the Country Government</i>
v	Pakistan- Jiwani (Gwater Bay)	Commanders Said Rahim PN DDMA & EC-I (Letter 4(91)/ 2007-Marine, Dated 12 Nov, 2007)

5. International NGO or Agency UNEP

6. Member Secretary (1) Dr. A.A. Boaz, Director General, SACEP

7. Patron (1) Justice C.G. Weeramantry, former Vice-President,
International Court of Justice

Nominated Members of the Country Task Force, Pakistan

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Environment

File No. 4(91)/2007-Marine

Islamabad, the 12th November, 2007

From: Ehsan Ahmed,
Section Officer (Marine).

To: Dr. A.A.Boaz,
Director General,
South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme,
10 Anderson Road, Colombo #5,
Sri-Lanka.

Subject: SOUTH ASIA TASK FORCE ON CORAL REEF

Please refer to SACEP's letter No. NN/2007/MCPA/SACRTF-1/D/440 dated 21st Jun, 2007.

2. The document regarding constitution of South Asia Task Force on Coral Reef has been examined in this Ministry. This Ministry is of the view that constitution of proposed South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF) alongwith Regional Task Force (RTF), Country Task Force (CTF) and Country Working Group (CWG) will effectively manage and work for conservation of Coral Reefs with ideal habitat for variety of marine fisheries. Proposed organization will also help to mitigate present and future negative impacts leading to destruction of valuable corals.

3. The following representative for Country Task Force has been nominated:-

1. Representative of Zoological Survey Departments.
2. Representative of Sindh Wildlife Department.
3. Representative of Pakistan Wetlands Programme (PWP).
4. Representative of National Institute of Oceanography (NIO).
5. Representatives of IUCN Pakistan.
6. Representative of Indus for all Programme / WWF Karachi office.
7. Representative of Centre of excellence in Marine Biology, Karachi University.
8. Representative of Bio-diversity Directorate, Ministry of Environment, Islamabad.

4. Commanders Said Rahim PN DDMA&EC-I has been nominated as representative for Country Working Group.



(Ehsan Ahmed)
Section Officer (Marine)

ANNEX 3 – Regional Coordination Efforts of GCRMN ICRMN, CORDIO

The main goal is poverty reduction in the coastal communities, particularly those people that are dependent on coral reef resources. To achieve that goal many activities were carried out as listed below. These discussed the way forward which is to involve the coastal communities in the management and strengthening the management capabilities.

Output	Type	Title	Date	Year	Venue	Country	Partic
p	Planning	Regional Planning Workshop	30 Nov - 4 Dec	1997	Hikkaduwa	Sri Lanka	42
1	Bio-physical	Regional Training in Coral Reef Survey Methods	2-15 May	1998	Bandos Islands	Maldives	53
1	Socio-Economic	Regional Training in Monitoring Socio-Economic Parameters for Coral Reef Management	18-29 Sept	1998	Kadmat Island	India	74
1	Bio-physical	Training in Coral Taxonomy & Identification	4-17 Dec.	1998	Andaman's	India	9
p	Evaluation	Review & Evaluation Meeting	4-5 Aug.	1999	Colombo	Sri Lanka	36
1	Diving	Scuba Training	Nov 98 - Feb 99	1998-1999	Lakshadweep	India	6
p	Planning	Regional Planning Meeting	10-12 Jan	2000	Colombo	Sri Lanka	35
1	Bio-physical	GCRMN Training Workshop in Coral Reef Survey Design & Data Analysis	1-8 May	2000	Chennai	India	24
2	Database	GCRMN Database Planning Meeting	3-5 July	2000	Colombo	Sri Lanka	20
4	Syposium	9th Coral Reef Symposium	23-27 Oct	2000	Bali	Indonesia	14
1	Socio-Economic	GCRMN-South Asia, Socio-Economic Monitoring Training workshop	15-19 Nov	2000	Puttalam	Sri Lanka	20
1	Socio-Economic	GCRMN-South Asia, Socio-Economic Monitoring Training workshop	21-27Jan	2001	Vaavu Atoll	Maldives	13
1	Socio-Economic	GCRMN-South Asia, Socio-Economic Monitoring Training workshop	30Jan-3Feb	2001	Wandoor	India	22
p	Evaluation	Review & Evaluation Meeting	28-30 March	2001	Male	Maldives	
1	Socio-Economic	Lakshadweep Socio Economic Training	7-13 April	2001	Agatti	India	16
2	Database	GCRMN Database Planning Meeting	27-28 June	2001	Colombo	Sri Lanka	14
1/2	Database	Database data entry & management Workshop	2-3 July	2001	Colombo	Sri Lanka	14
1/2	Database	Database data entry & management Workshop	30-31 July	2001	Male	Maldives	11
1/2	Database	Database data entry & management Workshop	4-5 Sept	2001	Chennai	India	15
4/3	Informing	Sri Lanka National Workshop - Using Information to Inform and Influence	22-23 April	2002	Colombo	Sri Lanka	27
2/4	Forum	Sri Lanka Coral Reef Forum	24th April	2002	Colombo	Sri Lanka	35
4/3	Informing	Maldives National Workshop - Using Information to Inform and Influence	18-Jun	2002	Male	Maldives	16
2/4	Forum	Maldives Coral Reef Forum	19th June	2002	Male	Maldives	16
4/3/1	Informing	India National Workshop - Using Information to inform and Influence	8-10 Sept	2002	Goa	India	41
P	Review	Project Review Meeting	7-8 Nov	2002	Colombo	Sri Lanka	25
2/4	Forum	Sri Lanka Coral Reef Forum 2	15-Nov	2002	Colombo	Sri Lanka	60

Note: Output column refers to which project output each workshop or meeting covered; 1. Capacity - skills and knowledge, 2: Information systems. 3: Understanding information needs. 4. Informing and influencing. P. planning meeting.

ANNEX 4 – Background Information on ICRI

The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) is a partnership among governments, international organizations, and non-government organizations. It strives to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems by implementing [Chapter 17 of Agenda 21](#), and other relevant international conventions and agreements. The ICRI was announced at the First Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity in December 1994, and at the high level segment of the Intersessional Meeting of the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development in April 1995. ICRI was originally initiated by the governments of Australia, France, Japan, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Additional partners from governments, United Nations organizations, multilateral development banks, environmental and developmental NGOs, and the private sector have subsequently joined the original founders and are currently collaborating in the International Coral Reef Initiative. ICRI directly addresses one of the important issues identified in Chapter 17, Section 17.86 that calls on states to:

"identify marine ecosystems exhibiting high levels of biodiversity and productivity and other critical habitat areas and should provide necessary limitations on use of these areas, through, inter alia, designation of protected areas. Priority should be accorded, as appropriate, to:

- *Coral reef ecosystems;*
- *Estuaries;*
- *Temperate and tropical wetlands, including mangroves;*
- *Seagrass beds;*
- *Other spawning and nursery areas."*

The International Coral Reef Initiative emerged out of the recognition that the coral reefs and related ecosystems found in tropical and sub-tropical regions are facing serious degradation, primarily due to anthropogenic stresses. Global estimations point that 10 percent of the Earth's coral reefs have already been seriously degraded and a that much greater percentage of coral reefs is under serious threat. Damaged or destroyed reefs can be found in more than 93 countries, with the coral reefs in South and Southeast Asia, East Africa and the Caribbean facing the greatest risk. It has been recognized that, if allowed to continue, this decline is likely to lead to the loss of most of the world's reef resources during the next century.

The international scientific community has been focusing the public attention on the serious decline of reefs for some years. Eventually, the concept of a Coral Reef Initiative to provide a focus on the plight of reefs and on the actions necessary to reverse the trend of degradation emerged at various international fora in 1994. It was founded on the clear recognition that many nations face similar threats to coral reefs and related ecosystems as well as similar management problems.

ICRI objectives call for:

- governments and international organizations strengthening commitment to and implementation of programs at the local, national, regional, and international levels to conserve, restore and promote sustainable use of coral reefs and associated environments;
- each country and region incorporating into existing local, regional, and national development plans, management provisions for protection, restoration, and sustainable use of the structure, processes and biodiversity of coral reefs and associated environments;
- strengthening capacity for development and implementation of policies, management, research, and monitoring of coral reefs and associated environments;
- establishing and maintaining coordination of international, regional and national research and monitoring programs, including the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, in association with the Global Ocean Observing System, to ensure efficient use of scarce resources and a flow of information relevant to management of coral reefs and associated environments.

The ICRI founding partners have formed an ICRI Executive Planning Committee (EPC) to oversee the development and review of workshop agendas and ICRI products and to provide overall guidance for the conduct of the Initiative.

In the Summer of 1995, [an international ICRI workshop was held at Dumaguete City, the Philippines](#). The workshop provided a forum for governments, donors and funding agencies, development organizations, NGOs, the research community and the private sector to work together in order to develop a consensus framework for achieving sustainable management of coral reef ecosystems. Workshop participants endorsed a "[Call to Action](#)", which advocates international recognition that coral reefs are in serious decline globally due primarily to human activities, and a "[Framework for Action](#)".

The Call to Action and the Framework for Action have multiple applications. They provided the basis for the conduct of regional workshops to define regional needs and priorities and to catalyze the development of national coral reef initiatives. They promote the ICRI's goal of ecosystem and community-based management and encourage U.N. agencies and convention bodies, as well as multilateral and bilateral donors, to incorporate ICRI into their programs in order to better focus and leverage existing resources. They also identify important roles for the United Nations Environment Programme, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and the scientific community in monitoring and addressing the serious global decline of coral reefs.

ICRI is a unique environmental partnership that brings all the stakeholders together with the objective of sustainable use and conservation of coral reefs for future generations. ICRI is an informal mechanism that allows representatives of over 80 developing countries with coral reefs to sit in equal partnership with major donor countries and development banks, international environmental and development agencies, scientific associations, the private sector and NGOs to decide on the best strategies to conserve the world's coral reef resources.

Thus, ICRI is unique and its strength lies in the fact that it is a voluntary body with basic operational objectives. There are no plans to form a permanent structure with permanent staff, and funds spent on meetings are kept to a minimum. The agenda for ICRI has been set by over 80 countries and states with coral reefs expressed at 2 ICRI International Workshops (1995 and 1998) and 7 ICRI Regional Workshops between 1995 and 1997.

The ICRI Secretariat is deliberately kept small and temporary, with no permanent staff. To date, coordination staff have performed the ICRI tasks in addition to their other responsibilities in government. The ICRI Secretariat is advised by the Coordination and Planning Committee (ICRI-CPC), which meets once or twice per year, often opportunistically to coincide with other international meetings. In turn, CPC members are requested to facilitate the objectives and projects of ICRI.

ICRI GENERAL MEETING

The Governments of Mexico and the United States of America, as co-hosts of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Secretariat, in conjunction with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, are pleased to announce that the first General Meeting of the current secretariat, and the launch of the International Year of the Reef will be held in Washington DC, US.

Date: 22-25 January

Location: Washington DC

Visa advice - We advise meeting attendees travelling to the United States to please apply for a visa as early as possible (at least four months before visa is needed). Please check with your local U.S. consulate or embassy to find out the earliest that you may apply. Because of the number of visas being processed and the need to be thorough with the reviews, this can take as long 10-12 weeks. (As part of new security procedures, applications for visas are being sent to the State Department in Washington, D.C., where they are reviewed. Hence your timely application for a Visa is essential.)

For further details please visit www.icriforum.org

ANNEX 5 – INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE REEF (IYOR)



IYOR 2008 Activity and Event Ideas

Below are some suggestions of events and activities that you might like to organise taken from the IYOR website www.iyor.org

- Organise and host a special 'Day of the Coral Reef' in 2008 - this could involve a public festival or street parade with a focus on celebrating coral reef. Invite local dignitaries and the media to take part!
- Invite a celebrity who is interested in coral reef to be a IYOR Ambassador. Use their status to increase public awareness of coral reefs.
- Develop a range of IYOR merchandise such as, calendar, T-shirts, caps, or drink holders. Ask if your postal service could produce a IYOR stamp (pictured at right). Use this merchandise as giveaways or as rewards for participation in conservation activities.
- Produce leaflets, brochures, pamphlets, stickers and posters in your native language to educate the public about the value of coral reef.
- Encourage local journalists to write features about issues important to coral reef in the media.

- Organise a coral reef competition (or photo competition) that encourages participation of local school students and the general public.
- Promote the IYOR by linking your web site to the IYOR web site (www.iyor.org) Participate to beach clean up.
- Encourage the next generation to care about coral reefs - organise educational visits to local schools and introduce coral reef biology and conservation into the school curriculum.
- Identify and nominate sites that are important for coral reef in your country, and lobby for their protection.
- Organise a community clean-up day and coral reef survey. Invite local schools to participate.
- Develop a code of practice for sustainable tourism - build relationships with coastal resort developers and tourism authorities and encourage them to ensure that their resorts are 'coral reef'. Offer training for resort staff and develop (or re-print existing) educational material on coral reef for tourist

IYOR 2008: Example Organisation Profile

Suganthi Devadason Marine Research Institute

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Focus

The Gulf of Mannar, Southeast India



SDMRI promoting IYOR 2008 at the International Workshop on “Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve – An Ecological Model for Biodiversity Conservation, Livelihood and Sustainability” in Chennai, 20-21 September 2007

Plan of Action

1. **Awareness campaign**
 - Pamphlets and stickers (English and Tamil – local language) on coral reefs will be printed and distributed to coastal folk, and school children along the Gulf of Mannar coast. Over 200 schools (primary, secondary and higher levels) are located in the Gulf of Mannar coast.
 - Materials such as Caps, T-Shirts, Pens, calendars etc. with IYOR 2008 logo for distribution to school eco club members and other conservation staff.
 - Awareness campaign through Television media – national, state and local levels - the impact would be more particularly among the public. E.g. In Tamil Nadu and in the proposed Gulf of Mannar area, most of the households have television. Therefore, campaign through television media would be very effective
2. Conduct of local level workshops for fisher folks, conservation staff and other stakeholders - local workshops will be conducted in villages along the Gulf of Mannar.
3. Conduct of national level seminar / workshop for scientific community.



Long Term Management and Conservation of Marine and Coastal Resources in South Asia

Environmental Education Call for Action



The European Union funded project 'Institutional Strengthening and Long Term Management and Conservation of Marine and Coastal Resources in South Asia' seeks to improve the effectiveness of management and operation at existing Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MCPAs), developing staff capacity and training tools, and encouraging the replication of best practices at sites across the region. For more information on the project visit: http://www.sacep.org/html/projects_ongoing_icran.htm



Awareness and the involvement and participation of coastal communities in MCPA management is critical to effective conservation. In countries where MCPAs are effective, conservation awareness is usually high among communities, managers and the private sector.



GOAL: to raise awareness of the importance and value of coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and to explain to the public the long-term, sustainable benefits of the MCPA.



ACTION: Under the project, and with the support of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF), five small action grants are available for environmental education and outreach activities at the participating MCPA sites (St. Martins Island, Bangladesh; Mahatma Gandhi National Park, Andaman Islands, India; Baa Atoll, Maldives; Jiwanj (Gwadar), Pakistan; and Bar Reef, Sri Lanka).



Short proposals are invited from MCPA site management staff, in collaboration with local partners, community groups, and conservation NGOs. Collaborative efforts that build relations between communities and MCPAs, and encourage the continued involvement of communities in outreach and awareness activities beyond the life of the grant will receive preference.



Proposals should include the following information:

- Background information on previous or existing awareness raising activities conducted for coastal communities at the MCPA site (if any),
- An outline, or strategy for community engagement in education and awareness raising activities that will motivate the target audience to take action to protect coral reefs,
- Justification on how the planned activities will help to raise the profile of coral reefs and generate support for the MCPA site,
- A list of key partners involved and a brief description of respective organisational capacity to conduct the planned activities,
- Detailed objectives and deliverables with a time frame for implementation,
- Projected budget for the planned activities (not to exceed US\$5,500),
- Focal point contact information.



MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FINLAND



In order to align activities with the global awareness raising campaign of the International Year of the Reef 2008 (IYOR 2008) which starts in January, proposals must be submitted to sacep@eol.lk with a copy to nbarnard@icran.org before **31 DECEMBER 2007**. Proposals will be short-listed for consideration and final selection by the SACRTF.



ANNEX 7-FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY: Projected Annual Operating Costs of the SACRTF

Action	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total US\$
International Travel (Flights) for SACRTF meetings (regional) - Based on average flight costs of US600. 20 people flying from within the region for each meeting. 2 meetings per year for the SACRTF.	600	40	24000
DSA for SACRTF meetings (regional) - Based on SACEP Per Diem for Sri Lanka US110 per day and 3 days DSA (accommodation and food and local travel costs included) for each person (25 people per meeting)	110	150	16500
International Travel for other meetings and conferences of strategic value to SACRTF efforts (flights) - Meetings of strategic importance, internationally and locally to promote SACRTF efforts and SA situation based on an average of US\$800 per flight	800	5	4000
DSA for other meetings and conferences - As above, based on SACEP DSA rate of US\$110 per day, 3 days per meeting	110	15	1650
Meeting/Convention Attendance or Visa Fees - Based on an average meeting or conference fee of US\$200 (e.g. ITMEMS registration)	200	5	1000
SACRTF Secretariat (SACEP) - Consider hiring a staff member to work specifically on coordinating SACRTF efforts within SACEP and act as support to the Member Secretary. Based on annual salary for medium grade candidate	4000	1	4000
Communications (telephone, office supplies)	2000	1	2000
Outreach Materials (design, production & dissemination)	2500	1	2500
Exchange/Exposure Visit Programme – Based on a grant of US\$1000 to each candidate for all costs (8 candidates per year)	1000	8	8000
Activities Fund - to allow the SACRTF to undertake activities in line with the work plan each year	10000	1	10000
SUBTOTAL			73,650
Indirect Charges (SACEP administration) 15%	11047.5		11047.5
GRAND TOTAL			84,697.5

FULL BUDGET FOR THE SACRTF 2008

UNEP Budget Code	Action	Action No. Project Document	EU Budget Code	Total Cost US\$	Allocated to SACEP as of Sept 07	Remaining Funds US\$
1601	International travel (TF meetings)	3.1.1	2.1	37915	26000	11915
	DSA		1.3.1	8531	4500	4031
	International Travel MCPA Managers exchange fund	3.1.8	2.1	5924	0	5924
	DSA MCPA Managers fund		5.7	2133	0	2133
	International Travel (meeting attendance for SACRTF members)	3.1.4	2.1	35545		35545
Subtotal 1601				90047	30500	59547
3301	DSA for meeting attendance of SACRTF members	3.1.5	1.3.3	42654	12000	30654
3302	Fees for meeting attendance	3.1.3	5.7	10664	0	10664
4102	Skype Headsets for communication purposes	3.1.6	3.4	59	60	-1
5301	Communications	3.1.6	4.4	2133	440	1693
5302	SACEP administration of SACRTF Budget	3.1.7	5.6	10664	3000	7664
GRAND TOTAL				156220	46000	110220

ANNEX 8 – CORAL REEF AND LIVELIHOODS INITIATIVE (CORALI)

CORALI¹ has been designed to address the challenge of “*how to better support livelihood development as key part of a more holistic approach to coral reef conservation*”. CORALI is funded to operate between 2006 and 2008. It incorporates three elements:

1 Skills and Knowledge Network

CORALI has begun the process of building a network of governmental and non-governmental organisations, working with coral reef dependent communities, within South Asia and Indonesia. At this early stage the core network teams have been supported through a process of workshops, which have enabled skills and knowledge exchange. A wider network is growing around the CORALI website, where the skills and experiences of the core teams are being used to promote a more people-centred approach to coral reef research and management.



2 Developing an Improved Approach to Socio Economic Monitoring

CORALI has been facilitating attempts to develop an approach to socio-economic monitoring that better serves the local context in coral reef dependent communities in South Asia. They have worked on building an approach that is accessible to the community as well as outsiders; low on development resources; provides updated reliable and relevant information; simplified / easy to understand; and transparent. In response to this challenge the CORALI partners have developed a tool (Reef Conservation and Action from the Peoples Perspective - RECAPP) that is designed to capture people's perceptions about changes in coral reefs and utilize local knowledge as a cost-effective way of identifying issues that may require more extensive biophysical or socio-economic monitoring.

3 Developing a Participatory Approach to Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement and Diversification (SLED) in coral reef dependent communities

The SLED approach was built to provide guidance for development practitioners whose task it is to assist people, from coral reef dependent communities, to enhance and diversify their livelihoods. The approach is designed to identify the key elements of best practice that should be addressed in the process of assisting livelihood change. Over the past 12 months 6 teams from across the region have worked to pilot test the approach in a range of communities.

The approach will be presented at a management and policy forum, which is scheduled to be held in February 2007.

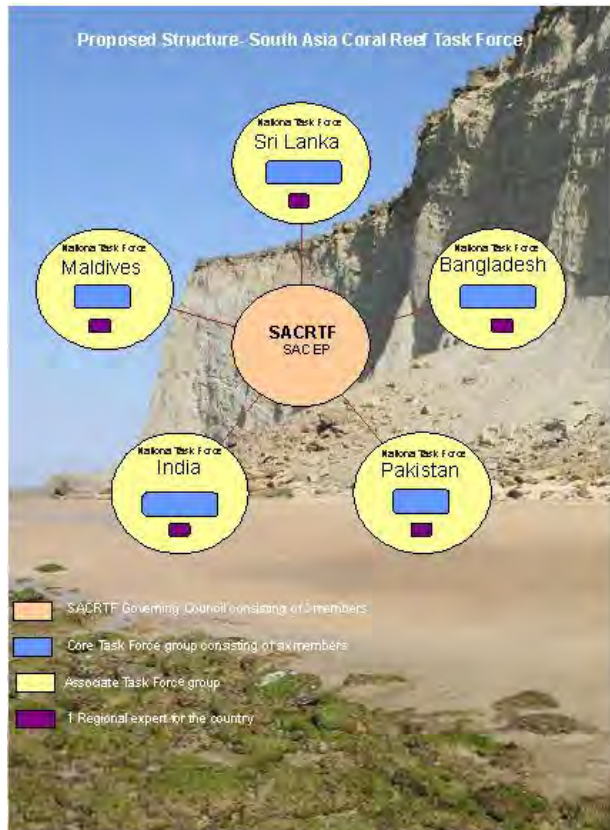
For further information on the CORALI work please visit www.coralweb.org



Building consensus around common visions for livelihood enhancement and diversification in the Gulf of Mannar

¹ CORALI is a collaborative initiative between IUCN – The World Conservation Union, Coastal Ocean Research and Development in the Indian Ocean (CORDIO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP), International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN) and IMM Ltd., as well as national and local organizations in South Asia and the Andaman Sea.

ANNEX 9 SACRTF Outreach Materials



SACRTF ADMINISTRATION

Chairperson

A Chairperson must be selected to lead the SACRTF. The agreed SACRTF constitution states that selection will be by consensus of the SACRTF, from a nominee among the country government representatives, and that the Chairperson must serve for a period of one year.

Member Secretary

The Director General of SACEP will serve as the Member Secretary of the SACRTF to provide continuity and administration support to the SACRTF.

Sustainable Financing of the SACRTF

Funds to support the initial establishment of the SACRTF have been generously provided by the European Union, through the South Asia MCPA project. The project will close on 31 December 2008 after which point no further funds will be provided to the SACRTF. Participants at the second regional workshop recognised the need to develop a sustainable financing strategy as critical to ensuring the continuation of the SACRTF and the expansion of the network to incorporate national level coral reef task forces in each participating country. Representatives are requested to identify a strategy to advance discussions on the sustainable financing and institutionalisation of the SACRTF in the region.

Coordination and Communication

Representatives will need to identify the most suitable way to remain in communication in between SACRTF meetings, and should set a regular contact schedule to promote coordination.

MCPA Site Representatives

In the agreed organisational structure of the SACRTF it was noted that a temporary representative from each selected MCPA site may participate in the SACRTF while national level iterations of the task force are established. SACRTF representatives will need to agree on a representative from each MCPA site, if not already done so and ensure that they are included in all future SACRTF correspondence and meetings.



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ANNEX 10 – SACRTF ADMINISTRATION: Terms of Reference

The Chairperson will perform the following supporting roles:

- Foster relationships and strategic partnerships to advance the work programme and financial sustainability of the SACRTF;
- Provide leadership to the SACRTF representatives, and assist in providing appropriate input into the formulation of frameworks, strategies and work plans;
- Assist in the identification of focal areas of strategic importance for the SACRTF, in collaboration with CRTFs, and in line with regional and international agreements and strategies;
- Monitor the implementation and impact of the SACRTF and CRTF work plans, and communicate with representatives to ensure the timely delivery of planned actions;
- Represent the SACRTF at appropriate functions and meetings, and work alongside representatives and the Member Secretary to promote the SACRTF at the regional and international level; and
- Attend and chair SACRTF meetings.

The Member Secretary will perform the following supporting roles:

- Convene and coordinate each regional meeting of the SACRTF, in consultation with SACRTF representatives and host country;
- Act as a focal point for SACRTF representatives and administer the budget, facilitating travel arrangements, and regional/international meeting participation;
- Administer and coordinate the SACRTF MCPA Manager Exchange Programme in collaboration with key SACRTF representatives;
- Assist in the collation of minutes, and the dissemination and coordination of the outcomes of the SACRTF meetings, and activities;
- Work alongside regional governments and SACRTF representatives to promote the SACRTF at the regional and international level, and to fundraise for the sustainable continuation of the SACRTF;
- Feed progress reports to partners and donors as appropriate; and
- Report to the SACRTF on a quarterly basis (before 15th January, 15th April, 15th July, 15th October), to provide programmatic and financial updates to representatives. The first report will be due on 15th January 2008.

ANNEX 11– Proposed Logo Development Strategy

South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF) Logo Contest

Introduction:

The establishment of the SACRTF has been made possible through the ICRAN-SACEP project “Institutional strengthening and capacity development for the long term management and conservation of MCPAs encompassing coral reefs in the South Asia”, with funding from the European Union.

A key objective of the SACRTF will be to help participating countries to work together to safeguard their essential coral reef, mangrove and sea-grass habitats for the benefit of the people of South Asia, and to encourage coordinated management and conservation approaches, and information exchanges between the maritime countries of the region.

A Logo competition is launched across the region to develop a unique and exciting logo for the SACRTF. Selection and the official launch of the SACRTF Logo will be decided by the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF) members.

The Challenge:

The SACRTF is looking for a logo and is calling on the creative – marine and coastal - community to help develop a visual identity. Put your originality to the test and send us a logo design that we can use on all SACRTF materials (including our website, letterheads, promotional material, conference banners, and anywhere else our name might appear).

For more information on the project and the organizations, visit www.icran.org or www.sacep.org or http://www.sacep.org/html/projects_ongoing_icran.htm

Contest Rules:

Submission of an entry into the contest will be considered acknowledgement and agreement to the following rules:

1. This contest is open to all capable of meeting the guidelines and contest rules.
2. All entries will be judged together, regardless of the age of the entrant and will not be broken into different categories.
3. The winner will be informed via E-Mail or telephone prior to a public announcement.
4. Completed logo designs must be original and cannot be copied from another source. You may use computer-assisted art tools, Photoshop, hand drawings, or whatever method you choose to create an image. Entries can be either black and white or color. Logo designs must be submitted in GIF, JPEG, BMP or PNG format and must be a minimum of 300 dpi. Please do not submit an animation design. Color entries must be able to be reproduced and legible in black and white. We recommend that you try to keep your design relatively simple.
5. Any entries that contain objectionable, offensive or copyrighted material will not be accepted. Any entries not meeting the contest rules will also not be accepted.
6. CD Submissions may be mailed to:

Director General, South Asia Cooperative Environmental Programme, No; 10 Anderson Road, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka.

Electronic submissions may be emailed to sacep@eol.lk

Please include your name and contact information. If you wish, you may submit a paragraph to explain the background concepts of your design.

7. All submitted entries automatically become the property of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Program (SACEP) and will not be returned. By submitting an entry, the contestant agrees that all private information, art and graphics you submit become the property of the SACEP. SACEP may alter the images and designs, and use them at its discretion.
8. All questions regarding this contest should be e-mailed to po_sacep@eol.lk
9. Logo entries should be submitted on or before 15th February, 2008 and the SACRTF logo will be finalised by a three member sub-committee of the SACRTF consisting of the Patron, Chairman and the Member Secretary.

Key Attributes to be considered while designing the logo:

1. The logo must be clear even when reduced to a size of less than 1 sq cm.
2. The logo must give equal recognition to the five participating maritime countries.
3. The logo must focus on the conservation and development of the coral reef and associated ecosystems.
4. The logo must find some place for the abbreviations SACRTF.

Contest Prize:

The creator of the winning design chosen by the SACRTF members will be awarded a congratulatory certificate and acknowledged by name and/or organization on both the SACEP, and the upcoming SACRTF web site (www.sacep.org), and in regional project updates and outreach materials.

ANNEX 12 Meeting Presentations


Long Term Management & Conservation of Marine and Coastal Resources in South Asia

With funding from the European Union 





Project Focal Areas

Target Countries: Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Maldives, Sri Lanka
 Project Period: 1 Jan 2006- 31 Dec 2008.

- Improve the effectiveness of management at existing MCPAs
- Improve information exchange and data management across the region.
- Improve regional cooperation and responses to regional marine and coastal resource management challenges.
- Strengthen the capacity of policy makers, planners and managers to design and implement viable livelihood diversification for poor reef users.



Recognising the need to develop and advance MCPA networks in the South Asia region in order to meet multilateral environmental agreement targets (poverty/environmental sustainability)...

Project Objectives - Building Block approach

- Optimisation of management practices at existing MCPAs
- Supportive Institutional Mechanisms
- Generation of human and technical capacity
- Solid foundations for a future MCPA network
- Transferable capacity and resources



Project Components

- Capacity Building
- Communications and Data Management
- Regional Coordination
- Livelihood Enhancement and Diversification



Capacity Building

Planned Actions:

- Development of MCPA staff capacity and training tools
- Outreach and education activities to integrate communities local to MCPAs
- Replication of best practices between sites
- 5 MCPA sites selected (St. Martin's Island, Bangladesh, Mahatma Gandhi National Park, Andaman Islands, Baa Atoll, Maldives, Bar Reef Sri Lanka, Jiwani -Gwadar Bay Pakistan)



Capacity Building

Advances:

Managing Marine Protected Areas – A toolkit for Managers in South Asia

- Adapt the highly successful modular WIO toolkit
- Standardised training material
- Co financing raised
- Original dataset received from IUCN
- List of reviewers and case study contributors generated to 'regionalise' the materials
- Coral Reef CSI - training toolkit and workshop programme to enhance investigation and enforcement skills of managers
- Development of a MCPA managers exchange programme
- Strategic partnership with Reef Check for enhanced biological monitoring capabilities



Communications and Data Management

Communications and coordination of knowledge and information are critical elements in effective management.

Planned Actions:

- Identification of communication gaps and needs
- Establishment of responsive communication services and tools

Advances:

- Stakeholder identification of principal communication challenges and needs
- Development of a knowledge base to distil key tools and resources in support of management
- Position developed for a knowledge base moderator, to be housed at SACEP

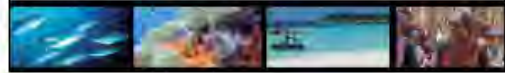


Regional Cooperation

Limited inter-agency and government cooperation has been identified as a compounding factor to effective management.

Planned Actions:

- Provision of opportunities to link regional stakeholders to discuss key issues
- Coordinated regional response to shared environmental challenges
- Establishment of the SACRTF



Regional Cooperation

Advances:

- Two regional workshops convened for networking and the exchange of regional experiences
- Project Coordinator appointed to provide a focal point for stakeholders in project activities



Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement & Diversification

Planned Actions:

- IUCN, IMM Ltd and CORDIO working with field teams and coastal communities
- Understand critical factors in livelihood diversification
- Develop guidance strategies, institutional capacity and supportive policies
- Create an informed and enabling environment for the effective uptake of outputs and a greater success rate



South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF)

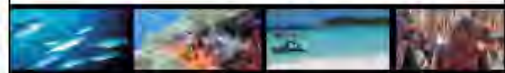
Mission Statement

To actively participate in, and support, the effective implementation of existing national regulations, action plans and strategies for the management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and to promote the development of strategic linkages for enhanced regional cooperation, and the establishment of an effective, networked system of marine and coastal protected areas in the South Asia region.



Launch Ceremony South Asia Coral Reef Task Force

- Inaugurated by the Chief Guest, H.E., Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister for Environment, Energy and Water, Republic of Maldives
- Guest of Honour, Justice C.G. Weeramantry, former Vice Chairman, International Court of Justice
- Dr. Arvind Boaz, Director General, SACEP highlighted the strategic significance of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force
- Dr. Kristian Teleki, Director, ICRAF stressed the valuable role the SACRTF



Formal launch of the SACRTF by the signing of documents:



From Left: Dr. Ahmed Elzein, D.G. SACEP, Head Minister for Energy, Environment and Water, Maldives; Mr. Ahmed Abdullah; Hon. Judge C.G. Weeramantry, Former Vice President – International Court of Justice and Patron of the SACRTF and Dr. Ibrahim Taha, Director, ICRAN

Hon. Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, delivering his speech during the launch of the SACRTF



Structure of the SACRTF

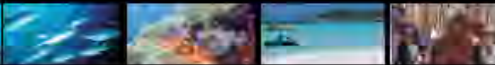
- 2 Government Representative(s) from each country (12)
- Coral Reef Ecosystem Expert, one from each country (5)
- CRTF Representative, one from each country (5)
- International NGO or Agency (e.g. UNEP)
- Member Secretary (1) - Director General, SACEP
- Patron (1) - Justice Mr. C.G. Weeramantry



Priority Actions

Coordination

- Lead and facilitate the development of strong multilateral linkages and providing a focal representation for coral reef management.
- Work alongside key national stakeholders to establish national Coral Reef Task Forces (CRTF), and serve as a platform to share information.
- Examine capacity needs, evaluate and review existing mechanisms for coral reef conservation and management strategy.
- Prepare a South Asia regional coral reef action strategy, and identify supporting frameworks for effective implementation.
- Initiate discussions on development of a mechanism to effectively respond to natural and man made disasters that affect coral reefs and associated ecosystems.
- Designate focal points for coral reefs within the region to increase coordination potential.



Priority Actions

Communication

- Improve, and better coordinate reporting mechanisms nationally and within the region on all coral reef work.
- Encourage, and support the development of capacity building and training opportunities, materials, and manuals for groups involved in coral reef programmes through skills transfer and exchange programmes.
- Increase awareness of environmental conservation and management among decision and policy makers through lobbying and exposure visits.

Research and Monitoring

- Develop a mechanism to ensure knowledge and training is shared and exchanged among the participating countries.
- Encourage each country to establish national monitoring programmes for coral reefs and associated ecosystems.
- Promote both biophysical and socio economic assessment/monitoring.



Priority Actions

Policy

- Undertake a review of existing policy related to coral reef management and conservation in the region, in collaboration with the SACRTF Patron.
- Elevate the South Asia experience to the international level by engagement in ICR.
- The SACRTF will present specific agenda items at each SACEP Governing Council meeting to raise awareness of needs, and develop political will in support the SACRTF.
- Identify strategic partnerships and linkages at the regional and international level (e.g. ICR), in order to develop responsive and informed action plans.



Regional Response to International Year of the Reef (IYOR)



IYOR Introduction

"Recognizing that ten years after the first International Year of the Reef (1997) there continues to be an urgent need to increase awareness and understanding of coral reefs, and to further conserve and manage valuable coral reef and associated ecosystems.

The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), designated 2008 as the 'International Year of the Reef (IYOR 2008)' in October 2006.

IYOR 2008 Goals

- Strengthen awareness about ecological, economic, social and cultural value of coral reefs and associated ecosystems
- Improve understanding of the critical threats to reefs and generate both practical and innovative solutions to reduce these threats
- Generate urgent action to develop and implement effective management strategies for conservation and sustainable use of these ecosystems

Vision:

January to December 2008

IYOR 2008 will be a year-long campaign of events and initiatives hosted by governments and non-governmental organizations around the world, with global ownership from the community level upward, to promote conservation action and strengthening long-term constituencies for coral reef conservation.



IYOR South Asia Context



IYOR 2008 Activity and Event Ideas for SACRTF

- Organise and host a special 'Day of the Coral Reef' in 2008 - this could involve a public festival or street parade with a focus on celebrating coral reef. Invite local dignitaries and the media to take part!
- Invite a celebrity who is interested in coral reef to be a IYOR Ambassador. Use their status to increase public awareness of coral reefs.
- Develop a range of IYOR merchandise such as, calendar, caps, etc. Ask if your postal service could produce a IYOR stamp (pictured at right). Use this merchandise as giveaways or as rewards for participation in conservation activities.

Contd. IYOR 2008 Activity and Event Ideas...

- Produce leaflets, brochures, pamphlets, stickers and posters in your native language to educate the public about the value of coral reef.
- Encourage local journalists to write features about issues important to coral reef in the media.
- Organise a coral reef competition (or photo competition) that encourages participation of local school students and the general public.
- Promote the IYOR by linking your web site to the IYOR web site (www.iyor.org) Participate to beach clean up.

Contd. IYOR 2008 Activity and Event Ideas....

- Encourage the next generation to care about coral reefs - organise educational visits to local schools and introduce coral reef biology and conservation into the school curriculum.
- Identify and nominate sites that are important for coral reef in your country, and lobby for their protection.
- Organise a community clean-up day and coral reef survey. Invite local schools to participate.
- Develop a code of practice for sustainable tourism - build relationships with coastal resort developers and tourism authorities and encourage them to ensure that their resorts are 'coral reef'. Offer training for resort staff and develop (or re-print existing) educational material on coral reef for tourist.

IYOR 2008:
Eg. Organisation Profile
Suganthi Devadason Marine Research Institute



Thank You !



Environmental Education Call for Action



Notice



GOAL

- to raise awareness of the importance and value of coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and to explain to the public the long-term, sustainable benefits of the MCPA.

Objective

- to improve the effectiveness of management and operation at existing Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MCPAs), developing staff capacity and training tools, and encouraging the replication of best practices at sites across the region.

Output

- Awareness and the involvement and participation of coastal communities in MCPA management is critical to effective conservation.
- In countries where MCPAs are effective, conservation awareness is usually high among communities, managers and the private sector.

Areas of focus/Action

Under the project, and with the support of the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF), five small action grants are available for environmental education and outreach activities at the following participating MCPA sites.

- St. Martin's Island, Bangladesh
- Mahatma Gandhi National Park, Andaman Islands, India
- Baa Atoll, Maldives
- Jwani (Gwater), Pakistan
- Bar Reef, Sri Lanka

Proposal Information

Short proposals were invited from MCPA site management authorities, local partners, community groups, and conservation NGOs. Collaborative efforts that promote the continued involvement of communities beyond the life of the grant will receive preference.

Proposals Information

- Background information on previous or existing awareness raising activities conducted for coastal communities at the MCPA site (if any).
- An outline, or strategy for community engagement in education and awareness raising activities that will motivate the target audience to take action to protect coral reefs.
- Justification on how the planned activities will help to raise the profile of coral reefs and generate support for the MCPA site.
- A list of key partners involved and a brief description of respective organisational capacity to conduct the planned activities.
- Detailed objectives and deliverables with a time frame for implementation.
- Projected budget for the planned activities (not to exceed USD 5,500).
- Focal point contact information.

IYOR 2008

- In order to align activities with the global awareness raising campaign of the International Year of the Reef 2008 (IYOR 2008) which starts in January, proposals were asked to be submitted before 31 DECEMBER 2007.
- Proposals will be short listed for consideration and final selection by the South Asia Coral Reef Task Force (SACRTF).
- As no any proposals from MCPA site management authorities, in collaboration with local partners, community groups, and conservation NGOs we have to extend the deadline.

Thank you !

For more information on the project

www.sacep.org/html/projects_ongoing_icran.htm



Sustainable Financing of the SACRTF

- Funds to support the initial establishment of the SACRTF have been generously provided by the European Union, through the South Asia MCCA project. The project will close on 31 December 2008 after which point no further funds will be provided to the SACRTF.
- Participants at the second regional workshop recognised the need to develop a sustainable financing strategy as critical to ensuring the continuation of the SACRTF and the expansion of the network to incorporate national level coral reef task forces in each participating country.
- Representatives are requested to identify a strategy to advance discussions on the sustainable financing and institutionalisation of the SACRTF in the region. To facilitate discussions and consultation with country governments a projected budget for the annual operating costs of the SACRTF.

Projected Annual Operating Costs of the SACRTF

Action	2007-08	2008-09	Total
International Travel (Round Trip) for SACRTF members (international flights, hotel, meals, ground transport, visas, insurance, etc.)	260	260	520
ACU for SACRTF meetings (international flights, hotel, meals, ground transport, visas, insurance, etc.)	25	25	50
International Travel for other meetings and conferences of SACRTF members (international flights, hotel, meals, ground transport, visas, insurance, etc.)	25	25	50
ACU for other meetings and conferences (international flights, hotel, meals, ground transport, visas, insurance, etc.)	25	25	50
SACRTF Secretariat (SACRTF) (staff costs, office supplies, utilities, telephone, internet, printing, etc.)	100	100	200
International Travel for other meetings and conferences of SACRTF members (international flights, hotel, meals, ground transport, visas, insurance, etc.)	25	25	50
ACU for other meetings and conferences (international flights, hotel, meals, ground transport, visas, insurance, etc.)	25	25	50
Administrative Expenses (SACRTF)	20	20	40
ACU for other meetings and conferences (international flights, hotel, meals, ground transport, visas, insurance, etc.)	25	25	50
International Travel for other meetings and conferences of SACRTF members (international flights, hotel, meals, ground transport, visas, insurance, etc.)	25	25	50
ACU for other meetings and conferences (international flights, hotel, meals, ground transport, visas, insurance, etc.)	25	25	50
TOTAL	520	520	1040
GRAND TOTAL			1040

FULL BUDGET FOR THE SACRTF 2008

Action	Activity No.	Project Duration	Est. Budget Cost	Total Cost US\$	Allocation by SACRTF or EU Fund	Remaining Funds US\$
International Travel (Round Trip) for SACRTF members	2.1.1	2.1	310.0		310.0	1910
ACU	2.1.1	2.1	35.0		35.0	1875
International Travel MCCA Managers and Support Staff	2.1.2	2.1	50.0			1825
ACU MCCA Managers and Support Staff			6.0			1765
International Travel (Round Trip) for other SACRTF members	2.1.3	2.1	55.0			1710
Subtotal "TR"			360.0		360.0	1550
ACU for meeting attendance of SACRTF members	2.1.4	2.1.4	69.0		120.0	1430
Fees for meeting attendance	2.1.5	0.1	10.0			1420
Travel Expenses for communication staff	2.1.6	2.1.6	2.0			1418
Communication	2.1.7	2.1.7	4.0		4.0	1414
SACRTF administration of SACRTF	2.1.8	2.1.8	3.0		3.0	1411
Other	2.1.9	2.1.9	1.0		1.0	1410
GRAND TOTAL			1022.0		360.0	1090.0

Sustainable Approach for Institutionalisation of the SACRTF

- Need to secure sustainable financing for the SACRTF.
- Need commitments of member countries to take initiative forwarded.
- Annual financial commitments to meet projected operating cost.
- Raise the profile of coral reefs issues, and successful initiatives in the region in order to garner support from donor community and attract funds.
- Review existing national budget allocations for coral reef conservation and management to identify potential financial support for the SACRTF.

Thank You !

Meeting/ Event Calendar mapping

MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Many listed meetings and meetings:

Date	Event Name	Location	Organizer
2011-01-22	ICRI General Meeting	Washington DC, USA	ICRI Secretariat
2011-02-01	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-02-15	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-03-01	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-03-15	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-03-29	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-04-12	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-04-26	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-05-10	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-05-24	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-06-07	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-06-21	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-07-05	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-07-19	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-08-02	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-08-16	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-08-30	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-09-13	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-09-27	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-10-11	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-10-25	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-11-08	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-11-22	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-12-06	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP
2011-12-20	World Conservation Congress	Paris, France	UNEP

International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)

The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) is a partnership among governments, international organizations, and non-government organizations. It strives to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems by implementing [Article 17 of Agenda 21](#), and other relevant international conventions and agreements.

- ## ICRI General Meeting
- The Governments of Mexico and the United States of America, as co-hosts of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Secretariat, in conjunction with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, announced the first General Meeting of the current secretariat, and the launch of the International Year of the Reef will be held in Washington DC, USA.
Date: 22-25 January Location: Washington DC
 - Member should represent the SACRTF at the ICRI Meeting.

- ## Meeting/ Event allocation of SACRTF budget
- MCPA Mangers Exchange Programme
 - SACRTF Meeting, Colombo (After 6 Months)
Date should be decided by the Members
 - Any other suggestions

Thank You !

Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement and Diversification

For coral reef dependent communities in South Asia

A CORALI programme



Presentation Structure

- Introduction to SLED and CORALI
- Outline of key issues for coastal livelihoods and the development of SLED
- Discussion around key issues

CORALI

CORALI – Purpose

“To support livelihood development as a key part of a more holistic approach to coral reef conservation”

- 1 Skills and knowledge network
- 2 Developing improved approach to socio economic monitoring
- 3 Education and awareness
- 4 SLED

SLED Objectives

Overall Process Development Objective

To develop a globally appropriate approach to livelihood enhancement and diversification

SLED Process Objective

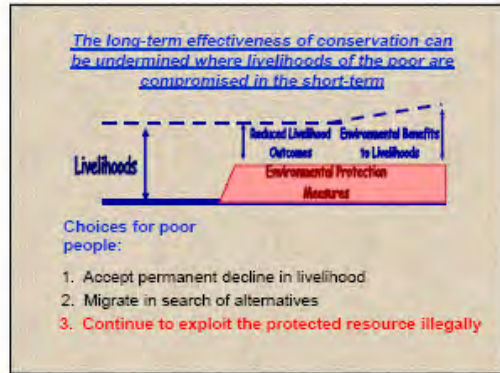
To empower people to enhance, diversify and develop their livelihood

SLED Development Process

- Built on past experiences and global review of best practice
- Tested and further developed as part of CORALI in six sites across the region
- Action research process
- Develop policy guidance and training materials

Outline of key issues for coastal livelihoods and the development of SLED

- 1 The long-term effectiveness of conservation can be undermined where livelihoods of the poor are compromised in the short-term
- 2 The use of livelihood alternatives to complement conservation measures have often failed thus undermining those efforts to conserve resources
- 3 The Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement and Diversification (SLED) Process helps people to achieve their livelihood objectives whilst working in harmony with conservation measures



The use of livelihood alternatives to complement conservation measures have often failed thus undermining those efforts to conserve resources

Externally driven simplistic solutions, which ignore the complexity of people's lives, or market demands

Rarely based on an appreciation of people's strengths and potential or an understanding of the underlying factors helping or inhibiting livelihood diversification

Implemented after measures have been put into place and once people have already experienced reductions in their livelihoods

- ### The Result
- Initiatives:
1. Are poorly adapted to people's capacities
 2. Benefit only the most able
 3. Have limited market appeal
 4. Fail to reflect people's aspirations and hopes for their future.
 5. Do not address the factors that help or inhibit change
- initiatives promote unsustainable solutions**
- initiatives do not contribute to conservation measures**

- The Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement and Diversification (SLED) Process helps people to achieve their livelihood objectives whilst working in harmony with conservation measures
- Responds to the complexity of people's livelihoods and gives them the capacity and confidence to respond to the challenges set by resource degradation and conservation measures.
 - Helps people to take advantage of opportunities to change the nature of their dependency on natural resources and support the conservation measures that have been put in place.
 - Creates the conditions where all people are able to make informed choices about their livelihood options and have access to the support they need in order to realise those choices.

WHAT SLED INVOLVES

DISCOVERY

Understanding the complexity of people livelihoods, relationship with natural resources, the wider economy and society. Collaborative learning with people about the diversity of resources, skills, capacities and interests that inevitably make up any community and building a consensus for change;



Community resource mapping – Web Island

Community notice board (Information about CORALI / SLED and our field work was put on both in English and Dhivehi)

Household Interviews in Kandakulya

DIRECTION

Developing realistic visions and plans for equitable and sustainable livelihood change that are rooted in people's strengths, capabilities and reflect market realities;



Scoping opportunities

Building visions with households

Building common visions for the community

DOING

Building people's capabilities and adaptive capacity, together with networks of government, civil society and private sector services to support sustainable and equitable livelihood development.



Building linkages with local government

Marketing dried fish

Community knowledge centre

What the people think

- Process encouraged us to believe that we have the strengths and potential to initiate development.
Community members in Weli Island
- We have seen a change in attitude and confidence in the community and we will continue to support them.
ANNET Andamari
- After engagement in the SLED process John realised the importance of livelihood change to ensure sustainable fisheries and resource management in the vicinity of Bar reef.
John Booro – Sri Lanka
- The SLED visioning process has helped us to explore new pathways to self-employment. We are now formulating a plan to establish a water sports centre.
Unemployed youngsters in the Laksharheep

WHAT NEXT for SLED:

1. SLED Teams undertake micro-projects
2. SLED Policy Forum – February 2008: Presenting SLED to policy makers in South Asia
3. Using the task force to promote SLED at SACEP GC
4. Building a livelihoods component in the MPA managers toolkit

Task Force Discussion

The long-term effectiveness of conservation can be undermined where livelihoods of the poor are compromised in the short-term

The use of livelihood alternatives to complement conservation measures have often failed thus undermining those efforts to conserve resources

The Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement and Diversification (SLED) Process helps people to achieve their livelihood objectives whilst working in harmony with conservation measures

SACTF administration issues



Selection of SACRTF Chair

- A Chairperson must be selected to lead the SACRTF. The agreed SACRTF constitution states that selection will be by consensus of the SACRTF, from a nominee among the country government representatives, and that the Chairperson must serve for a period of one year. A TOR is included in Annex 10 for consideration, and SACRTF representatives are asked to review and adopt the TOR at this meeting.



SACRTF ADMINISTRATION: Terms of Reference

The Chairperson will perform the following supporting roles:

- Foster relationships and strategic partnerships to advance the work programme and financial sustainability of the SACRTF;
- Provide leadership to the SACRTF representatives, and assist in providing appropriate input into the formulation of frameworks, strategies and work plans;
- Assist in the identification of focal areas of strategic importance for the SACRTF, in collaboration with CRTFs, and in line with regional and international agreements and strategies;
- Monitor the implementation and impact of the SACRTF and CRTF work plans, and communicate with representatives to ensure the timely delivery of planned actions;
- Represent the SACRTF at appropriate functions and meetings, and work alongside representatives and the Member Secretary to promote the SACRTF at the regional and international level; and
- Attend and chair SACRTF meetings.

The Member Secretary will perform the following supporting roles:

- Convene and coordinate each regional meeting of the SACRTF, in consultation with SACRTF representatives and host country;
- Act as a focal point for SACRTF representatives and administer the budget, facilitating travel arrangements, and regional/international meeting participation;
- Administer and coordinate the SACRTF MCPA Manager Exchange Programme in collaboration with key SACRTF representatives;
- Assist in the collation of minutes, and the dissemination and coordination of the outcomes of the SACRTF meetings, and activities;
- Work alongside regional governments and SACRTF representatives to promote the SACRTF at the regional and international level, and to fundraise for the sustainable continuation of the SACRTF;
- Feed progress reports to partners and donors as appropriate; and
- Report to the SACRTF on a quarterly basis (before 15th January, 15th April, 15th July, 15th October), to provide programmatic and financial updates to representatives. The first report will be due on 15th January 2009.

Adoption of TOR for Chair and Member Secretary

- The Director General of SACEP will serve as the Member Secretary of the SACRTF to provide continuity and administration support to the SACRTF. A TOR is included in Annex 6 for consideration, and SACRTF representatives are asked to review and adopt the TOR at this meeting.



Communications and Coordination

- Representatives will need to identify the most suitable way to remain in communication in between SACRTF meetings, and should set a regular contact schedule to promote coordination.



MCPA Site Representative

- In the agreed organisational structure of the SACRTF it was noted that a temporary representative from each selected MCPA site may participate in the SACRTF while national level iterations of the task force are established. SACRTF representatives will need to agree on a representative from each MCPA site, if not already done so and ensure that they are included in all future SACRTF correspondence and meetings.



Nominated Members

Please see Annex 2 Constitution based on country nominations SACRTF-Composition and Requested the Balance nominations.

- Government Representative(s) from each country (12)
- Coral Reef Ecosystem Expert, one from each country (5)
- CRTF Representative, one from each country (5) –(Till the National Task Force are formed , Temporary Members of the Selected MCPA Project sites to be nominated by the governments will work on the Task Force)
- International Agency: UNEP
- Member Secretary: Dr. A.A. Boaz, Director General, SACEP
- Patron: Justice C.G. Weeramantry, former Vice-President, International Court of Justice



Formation of Country Task Force

Pakistan has nominated Country Task Force.
Requested other member countries to nominate their Country Task Force



Project Outreach Materials



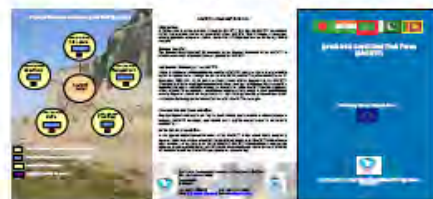
Project Outreach Materials

- Leaflet



SACRTF Outreach Materials

Proposed development of outreach materials
Leaflets , Brochures, Posters, Video Clips, Newsletters etc.



SACRTF Logo

- A Logo competition was launched across the region to develop a unique and exciting logo for the SACRTF.
- Submissions were presented to the participants of the second regional workshop for consideration.
- Some excellent entries were received; however participants felt that further design options were needed.
- SACRTF representatives are asked to identify detailed criteria of logo attributes, and consider the mechanism to advance this - further regional competition/contracting a designer. (see Annex 1f)



Some Key Attributes to be considered while designing the logo

- The logo must be clear even when reduced to a size of less than 1 sq cm.
- The logo must give equal recognition to the five participating maritime countries.
- The logo must focus on the conservation and development of the coral reef and associated ecosystems.
- The logo must find some place for the abbreviations SACRTF.



Thank you !

