



Theme 1

Coastal and Ocean Governance

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- Broad theme covering key scientific, policy and management issues of coasts and oceans in a rapidly changing and growing region still facing several development challenges;
- 7 workshops and 3 seminars addressing most critical aspect of governance: policy and legislation, economic and social advancement, transboundary cooperation and utilization of shared resources including continental shelf, science in ecosystem-based management, ICM tools e.g. sea and land zoning; national planning and budgeting, human resources and capacity building;
- Time constraint => snapshot outline of workshop results in a cross-cutting manner
- Full set of conclusions and recommendations -> Congress report



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Climate Change

- Global climate change exerts an influence on the local scale
- Climate change is now a key driver for establishing and implementing coastal and ocean policy in the region
- Climate change considerations and impacts must be taken into account at the national level for ICM, relevant planning, zoning, and sustainable development



Community-based Actions

- Community-based monitoring can be a useful, cost-effective means for collecting data, but needs to be scientifically validated, based on a robust statistical design, and be harmonised.
- Engaging communities in projects that significantly improve their well-being and quality of life ensures their support and ownership.



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Financial Considerations

- Achievements from interventions project need to be expressed in financial and economic terms
- Stronger mobilization of government resources is needed to increase regional collaboration
- Better understanding of the value of the marine economy will help improve marine related policy making and sustainable development



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Human Resources

- Significant expertise covering most topics resides within the region
- Capacity building needs were recognized in some areas:
 - Valuation of ecosystem goods and services, notably to understand impacts on national marine economies
 - Legal and technical aspects of zoning at the local level
- ICM concepts and practices need to be incorporated into postgraduate degree programmes



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Data and Information

- Holistic monitoring is desirable, but difficult to achieve:
 - Chemical, physical biological, socio-economic parameters and indicators
 - Watershed, coastal, open ocean
 - Remote sensing, ship-based, community-based, stakeholder perceptions (socio-economic data)
- Methodologies must be standardized and quality assured at national and regional scales
- Common data format and reporting mechanisms should be adopted across different agencies (national and IGOs)
- Data requirements for various conventions, programmes and projects should be mapped at national level in order to avoid duplication and simplify data assessment, reporting and archiving



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Communications and Outreach

- Improve understanding of the needs of the final users of the information
- Communicate outputs from scientific research (data, assessments, publications) to stakeholders (policy makers, civil society, educators) in appropriate user-friendly language and formats, including public access by Internet
- Disseminate Information on good practices and lessons learned via well-recognized channels, such as GEF IW:LEARN



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Continental Shelf: Post May 2009 Perspectives

Necessary academic exercise to discuss maritime boundary issues and claims that may impact on regional peace and stability, and future cooperation.

- Peace and stability are prerequisites to any objective of cooperation and sustainable development.
- Only states can resolve their boundary and territorial disputes.
- Explore possibilities for joint cooperation initiatives for undisputed islands through inclusive dialogue to build confidence among states.



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