MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE BAY OF BENGAL

Meeting International Obligations

Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project
### FISHERIES

**Objective:** Fisheries and other marine living resources are restored and managed sustainably.

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**THE BOBLME PROJECT IS HELPING COUNTRIES MEET THEIR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE FOLLOWING:**

| Convention on Migratory Species goals: Sharks. | Indian Ocean Tuna Commission Resolution 05/05: Conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries of the IOTC. | UN Fish Stocks Agreement Article 8: Cooperation for conservation and management. |
| Convention on Migratory Species goals: Sea turtles memorandum of understanding. | Millennium Development Goal 7: Integrating the principles of sustainable development. | UN Fish Stocks Agreement Article 10: Functions of regional fisheries management arrangements. |
| FAO Committee on Fisheries Goals: Implementing the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and developing National Plans of Action. | UN Convention on the Law of the Sea Article 63: Stocks occurring within the EEZs of two or more coastal states. | UN General Assembly Regular Process (60/30) for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects. |
CRITICAL HABITATS
Objective: Degraded, vulnerable and critical marine habitats are restored, conserved and maintained.

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• Postgraduate certificate course on Integrated Coastal Management | • Southeast Asia and South Asia subregional reviews of best practices | • Development and promotion of ICM best practices
• Training on science communication: Writing and presentation skills | • Subregional and regional Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) best practices workshops | • Development of an ICM framework for Puducherry, India
• Training on Project Cycle Management | • ICM implementation case studies | • Policy instruments for fisheries, environment and ICM reviewed at national level
• Training on marine protected area (MPA) management | • Review of fisheries, environment and ICM policies | • Development of a bi-national management structure for the Myeik Archipelago
• Awareness programme and training on resource conservation in Gulf of Mannar | • Socio-economic survey in Gulf of Mannar | • Bi-national consultative process for the Gulf of Mannar
• Training in environmental sampling and assessment (coral reef and seagrass) | • Research programme in Myeik Archipelago | • Support to dialogue on the Sundarbans

THE BOBLME PROJECT IS HELPING COUNTRIES MEET THEIR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE FOLLOWING:

Marine Pollution and Water Quality
Objective: Coastal and marine pollution and water quality are controlled to meet agreed standards for human and ecosystem health.

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• Training in tar ball survey design and analysis | • National status reports on marine pollution | • BOBLME Pollution Working Group
• Training on drafting and implementing Global Programme of Action (GPA) national plans of action | • Tar ball pollution literature review and survey analysis | • Formation of a National Working Group on Pollution in Malaysia
• Review of the status of the GPA National Plans of Action | • Review of the status of the GPA National Plans of Action | • Strengthening National Plans of Action - Pollution
• Research programme on nutrient management in Chilika Lake, India and development of an ecosystem health report card

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Convention on Biological Diversity Goals Target 8: Reducing pollution.

The BOBLME project is working on:

- Coastal resource management
- Marine protected areas
- The ecosystem approach to fisheries
- Ecosystem health
- Fisheries statistics
- Hilsa shad
- Indian mackerel
- Sharks
- Critical habitats and iconic species
- Large-scale processes
- Climate change
- Marine pollution

BOBLME is proud to be collaborating with the following partner organizations:

- AIT: Asian Institute of Technology
- APFIC: Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission
- ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- BOBP-IGO: Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organization
- CI: Conservation International
- CORIN-ASIA: Asian Coastal Resources Institute
- CTI: Coral Triangle Initiative
- DFO: Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada)
- FAO: Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations
- GPNM: Global Partnership on Nutrient Management
- IIOOS: Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System
- IOSEA: Indian Ocean and South-East Asian Marine Turtle Memorandum of Understanding
- IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature
- MFF: Mangroves For the Future
- NACA: Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific
- NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- SAARC: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- SAUP: Sea Around Us Project
- SEAFDEC: South East Asian Fisheries Development Center

UNEP-GPA: Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities


UOV: University of Victoria (Canada)

USAID: United States Agency for International Development

WA: Wetlands Alliance

WFC: WorldFish Center

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