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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Input from the Project's National Coordinators and National Technical Advisers in the development of the work plan is essential from a technical perspective, and with respect to its approval by each Project country. The work plan (and budget) is a major output for the RCU annually that is submitted to the Project Steering Committee in March for its consideration.

BOBLME Project National Coordinators and National Technical Advisers met in Bangkok, Thailand on 29 February and 1 March 2012. The overall aims of the workshop were:

- (i) to produce a draft Regional Work Plan for the BOBLME Project in 2012; and subsequently
- (ii) to produce draft National Work Plans for each country for the same year.

The draft Regional Work Plan is provided in this report.

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1. BACKGROUND

1. One of the major activities each year for the Regional Coordination Unit of the BOBLME Project is to produce a Regional Work Plan that identifies the work to be funded and undertaken over the forthcoming calendar year.
2. Input from the Project's National Coordinators and National Technical Advisers in the development of the work plan is essential from a technical perspective, and with respect to its approval by each Project country. The work plan (and budget) will be submitted to the Project Steering Committee in March for its consideration.
3. BOBLME Project National Coordinators and National Technical Advisors met in Bangkok, Thailand on 29 February to 1 March 2012 to develop the 2012 BOBLME work plan.
4. The meeting was chaired by the Project Regional Coordinator Dr Chris O'Brien. The overall aim was to produce a draft Regional Work Plan for the BOBLME Project in 2012.
5. The list of participants is attached as Appendix I and the Agenda (Doc-01) for the meeting is attached as Appendix II.

2. DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT 2012 DRAFT REGIONAL WORK PLAN

2.1. Implementation of the project to-date

6. As background to discussions, National Coordinators provided verbal updates on Project implementation (including progress and challenges) in their respective countries (Doc-3 and ppt-01 to 04).
7. The RCU provided an overview of the work and outputs from the Project to-date (Doc-2).
8. The recommendations from the BOBLME meetings and workshops held in 2011 were reviewed and discussed in the context of the 2012 work plan.

2.2. The 2012 plan

9. The workshop discussed each Project subcomponent in detail, reflecting on the work already carried out, the outputs required by the Project Logical Framework, recommendations from the regional workshops and national activities.
10. The workshop produced a draft work plan for 2012, including some guidance on the nature and extent of activities (research, training, studies, reviews etc), major outputs, which regional institutions might undertake particular activities, and the locations and timings of meetings. The draft Work Plan is given in Appendix III.
11. The Workshop entrusted the RCU to finalise the work plan for consideration by the PSC in March 2012.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12. None

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APPENDIX II AGENDA

BOBLME 2012 WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Amari Watergate Hotel

Bangkok THAILAND, 29 February – 1 March 2012

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The workshop will be chaired by the Regional Coordinator. The overall aims are:

1. To produce a draft Regional Work Plan for the BOBLME Project in 2012; and subsequently
2. to produce draft National Work Plans for each country for the same year.

DRAFT Agenda

1. Updates from National Coordinators on:
 - Project implementation - progress, success and challenges
2. Review work undertaken by the Project to-date.
3. Review the recommendations made by the BOBLME working groups in 2011.
4. Provide input into draft work plan for 2012 (for consideration by the PSC in March), including the nature and extent of activities and the outputs (research, training, studies, reviews etc); advice on which regional institutions might undertake particular activities; and the locations and timings of meetings.
5. Any other business.

APPENDIX III LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Reference	Title
<i>Session</i>	
BOBLME-2012-NCIII_Doc-01	Agenda
BOBLME-2012-NCIII_Doc-02	2011 Progress Report
BOBLME-2012-NCIII_Doc-03	Bangladesh Report
BOBLME-2012-NCIII_ppt-01	India Report
BOBLME-2012-NCIII_ppt-02	Indonesia Report
BOBLME-2012-NCIII_ppt-03	Malaysia Report
BOBLME-2012-NCIII_ppt-04	Myanmar Report

APPENDIX IV DRAFT WORK PLAN

Component 1: Strategic Action Programme													
2012													
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Subcomponent 1.1 TDA Preparation: Build on the BOBLME's existing draft TDA and complete the Programme's TDA													
1. TDA communications / launch "state of the bay" / materials													
Subcomponent 1.2 BOBLME Institutional Arrangements													
Subcomponent 1.3 Financial Sustainability													
1. Analysis - what bodies exist and what are their capabilities to implement the SAP activities													
Subcomponent 1.4 SAP Preparation													
1. SAP completion process													
2. Training needs assessment for SAP implementation													
Technical WGs - pollution, fisheries, habitats : objectives, targets, actions (incl trainers)													
National consultations: Technical feasibility, Cost-benefit, Political-Social acceptability with regional facilitators?													
Component 2: Coastal/Marine Natural Resources Management and Sustainable Use													
Subcomponent 2.1: Community-based Integrated Coastal Management (regional)													
ICM work in pilot sites (incl training in Puducherry - note also ICM Centre (WB initiative in East India)													
Outreach and training from 2011													
AIT ICM course 2012													
Subcomponent 2.2: Improved Policy Harmonization (regional)													
1. Regional WS to validate policy review - IO Research Group; with SEAFDEC to be involved													
2. Identify capacity building for natural resource and event management (for SAP)													
Subcomponent 2.3: Collaborative Regional Fishery Assessments and Management Plans													
Fisheries statistics													
Fisheries statistics WG 19-20 March 2012													
Activities from the fisheries stats review (training, capacity building) - with IOTC													
Hilsa and Indian mackerel													
Hilsa WG (2) - Contact IUCN													
Indian mackerel WG (2)													
National research activities (hilsa and Indian mackerel) - methods training													
Management Groups (BOBP-IGO for hilsa / BOBP-IGO SEAFDEC for Indian mackerel)													
Capacity building Stock assessment IOTC / Rutgers University / UBC													
Sharks													
National research / policy activities to strengthen NPOA's													
Draft RPOA - harmonising (with BOBP-IGO and SEAFDEC)													
State of Sharks document - update (CMS agreement?); identification/educational materials													
Sharks WG meeting													

Fisheries management																				
RFMAC and advisory																				
EAF course, pilot training (with CTI, FAO and partners)																				
CCRF (BOBP-IGO)																				
SSF																				
Subcomponent 2.4 Collaborative Critical Habitat Management: Promote multi-national approaches to management and address issues affecting transboundary-coastal marine ecosystems																				
Mergui Archipelago																				
CORIN-Asia / Wetlands Alliance; mgt structure, data and information																				
SEAFDEC-SIDA																				
Gulf of Mannar																				
2nd Bi-national meeting BOBP-IGO (include GEF BD project with MoE India)																				
Promotion at CBD																				
Habitat protection SRL																				
IUCN activities - capacity building																				
Research (Dugongs?) / Seagrass																				
Sundarbans - first TB meeting, SAARC, WWF, IUCN, BOBP-IGO, WCS / Mangroves																				
Small Islands Coral reef assessments & training, management (UNEP), Maldives initiatives; support SAARC Coral reef assessment initiative . Malaysia proposal (small island/MPA)																				
Malacca Strait Southern Andaman Sea arrangement;																				
Component 3: Improved Understanding and Predictability of the BOBLME Environment																				
2012																				
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D								
Subcomponent 3.1 Improved Understanding of Large-scale Processes and Dynamics affecting the BOBLME																				
Support data array - training in deployment, monitoring, analysis																				
Twinning with ASCLME (capacity building)																				
Support members to IOGOOS membership (BGD, MYA)																				
IOGOOS training/research opportunities (SIBER)																				
Climate change work (adaptation - New Delhi)																				
(Climate change and fisheries in Thailand - DOF initiative; impacts of CC on Coral reef DMCR)																				
Subcomponent 3.2 Marine Protected Areas in the Conservation of Regional Fish Stocks																				
Link Worldfish with West BOB body for data portal (SACEP)																				
Pilot site activities																				
Training (Indonesia)																				
Combine ICM and MPA funds																				
Subcomponent 3.3 Improved Regional Collaboration																				
Fisheries: BOBP-IGO, SEAFDEC / Habitats: IUCN, WBank / Pollution: UNEP-GPA / ASEAN																				

Component 4: Maintenance of Ecosystem Health and Management of Pollution												
	2012											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Subcomponent 4.1 Establishment of an Agreed to Ecosystem Indicator Framework												
Fold into SAP, use of TWAP indicators, confirm socio-economics and governance												
Regional Workshop: Train regional SAP WS facilitators												
Capacity building												
Subcomponent 4.2 Coastal Pollution Loading and Water Quality Criteria												
Regional Focal Point workshop / Contributions to NPA's												
Chilika Lake (GNMP pilot) report card, expert workshop, nutrient management plan, lessons for replication, with CDA (State) and Central Govt. 2012/13												
GPA Focal points (input into SAP Technical WGs)												
Component 5: Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Knowledge Management												
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Subcomponent 5.1 Establishment of the RCU												
Subcomponent 5.2 Monitoring and Evaluation System												
Subcomponent 5.3 Project Information Dissemination System												
Sea turtles												
Ecosystem overview												
MPA brochure, report												
Management of small scale fisheries												
Indicators												
Communications hubs												
newsletter , website ongoing												
advocacy documents												
Digestible TDA												
Training course - scientific writing, scientific presentation (MFF)												
Sri Lanka SLAFAR / India replication												



Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand are working together through the Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Project and to lay the foundations for a coordinated programme of action designed to improve the lives of the coastal populations through improved regional management of the Bay of Bengal environment and its fisheries.

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