

Challenges and Opportunities: **SAS Programme** From Bergen (2010) to Busan (2011)

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South Asian Seas



Bangladesh
India
Maldives
Pakistan
Sri Lanka

- 1/5th of world population in less than 1/20 of land area
- 50 % living along the coast and 6 Mega Coastal cities with more than 10 million
- Very rich coastal biodiversity including mangroves, coral reefs etc

Main Challenges

- Climate Change
Low laying Bangladesh, Maldives
Melting of Himalayan Glaciers
Tsunami and Cyclones
Unprecedented Rain and Flash Floods
Delayed monsoons and Droughts
- Marine Pollution
Sewage Discharge
60 % Global Oil Tanker Traffic
Agricultural runoffs and sediments
- Over Exploitation of Marine Resources
High dependency on coastal and marine resources for livelihood and food security
- Lack of Up to date Scientific Information for proper policy guidance.



Governing Structure



- The SASAP formally adopted at a Meeting of Plenipotentiaries of the concerned countries held in New Delhi, on March 24th 1995.
- SASAP follows existing global environmental and maritime conventions and considers the Law of the Sea as its umbrella convention.
- The SACEP secretariat oversee and facilitate the development and implementation of SASP, which is agreed upon by the member countries at the Intergovernmental Meeting of Ministers (IMM)
- Last IMM of the SASP held at Jaipur India in May 2008, where programme activities for 2009-10 was approved.
- 12th Meeting of the Governing Council of SACEP was held between 1-3rd November 2010 in Colombo Sri Lanka

Main Outcomes of the 12th GC



- **Recommend the appointment of Director General of SACEP to be on rotation among the member states starting from Sri Lanka**
- **Approval of SACEP and SASP Work Programme**
- **Adoption of two Resolutions; ‘South Asia’s Biodiversity Beyond 2010’ and ‘Clean Fuels and Vehicles’**



Finances



- **SASP country contributions**

The annual country contributions for SASP from 5 member countries are received

This funds are mainly used for maintenance of the Secretariat, but at present a percentage is used for project implementations

- **Assistance from UNEP for projects and programmes**

- **Other Agencies**

SACEP Partnership Programmes



- **Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and its likely Trans-boundary Effects for South Asia – UNEP RRCAP**
- **Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) - UNCRD**
- **International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services of Local Authorities (IPLA) – UNCRD**
- **Capacity building for the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity in South Asia – CBD and Royal Belgian National Focal Point for the CHM**
- **Inception and Training Workshop on Establishment of Environmental Data and Information Management System for South Asia- UNEP-ROAP**
- **Partnership for Cleaner Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV) - UNEP**
- **Establishment of Basel Convention Regional Centre for South Asia**
- **Establishment of a South Asia Regional Initiative for the conservation and wise use of wetlands – Ramsar Convention Secretariat**

Collaboration of SASP during 2011



- **Indian Ocean Census of Marine Life - December - NIOT/GOI**

The main objective of this meeting was to prepare an action plan to take forward the activities initiated under CoML India for the period of 2010 – 2020.

A concept paper titled “Census of Marine Life – South Asian Seas” was prepared to by SACEP and submitted to NIOT to extend this activity within the South Asian Seas Region. The main objective of this initiative will be to build more collaboration within the scientific community and relevant institutions of the region.

Main Activities proposed

- **Joint scientific expeditions**
- **Networking – workshops, web based etc**
- **Capacity building through exchange programmes**
- **Publications – identification guides, policy briefs, status reports, etc**

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with BOBP –IGO

observer at the 7th Governing Council of the IGO and looking at the
ing and implementing a join project on fish waste management

r. Chris O’ Brien, Regional Coordinator BOBLME Project

is project is interested in funding regional activity in the SAS in
g oil pollution issues and GPA activities

holder Consultation on Sustaining the Gulf of Mannar and its Resources. - BOBLME

consultation was to bring stakeholders from India and Sri Lanka
roadmap/ framework for fostering cooperation in management of

operative Mechanism for Protection of Met - Ocean Data ys in the Northern Indian Ocean -BOB-IGO and NIOT/ GoI