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Conference Background and Purpose

The 4th Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands will mobilize high-level policy attention, topical working groups, analytical papers, and other contributions to provide a review of progress achieved (or lack thereof) in advancing ecosystem management and integrated coastal and ocean management at national and regional (trans-boundary) levels, and in the 64% of the ocean beyond national jurisdiction, and on the allied goals of reducing marine biodiversity loss and of establishing networks of marine protected areas (goals adopted by the world’s political leaders at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)). These goals are considered in the context of climate change, which, as indicated in the 2007 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will have profound effects on ecosystems and coastal populations around the world, especially among the poorest people on Earth, and in small island developing States (SIDS).

The conference will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam at the Melia Hanoi Hotel, located in the historic “Old Quarter” of the city. The second fastest-growing economy in Asia, Vietnam has made significant strides in coastal and marine management in recent years through the development of integrated coastal management, marine protected areas, and a national ocean strategy. Vietnam was recently chosen as the first “pilot” country in the UN’s effort to unify the work of its agencies at the national level through its “One UN” pilot program, the result of the High-Level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence in areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and the Environment (enhanced UN coherence was also adopted as a goal of the world’s political leaders at the World Summit on Sustainable Development).

The Global Conference is organized by the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands and by the Government of Vietnam, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)-Fisheries. In the context of the Global Conference, the Global Forum also counts on the leadership of the: Government of Vietnam (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, national focal point); Global Environment Facility; GEF International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network (IW:LEARN); Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO; United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Korea; Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia; Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada; Nippon Foundation, Japan; Lighthouse Foundation; U.S. Agency for International Development; Flemish Government, Belgium; World Ocean Network; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA); IUCN Vietnam; World Ocean Observatory; Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Japan; International Ocean Institute; Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware; the International Coastal and Ocean Organization and the World Ocean Observatory. Other key ocean-oriented governments, nongovernmental organizations, international organizations, industry, and scientific...
groups are playing pivotal roles in the organization of the Conference and the dissemination of its outputs. Much of the preparatory work for the Conference has been carried out by thirteen Working Groups, composed of over 200 participants, which are focused on three major themes related to achieving ecosystem management and integrated coastal and ocean management at national and regional levels, and in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Background on the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands

The Global Forum is comprised of ocean leaders from governments, non-governmental organizations, international and intergovernmental organizations, the private sector, and scientific associations with the purpose of advancing the global oceans agenda. “Advancing the global oceans agenda” is meant as: 1) promoting the implementation of international agreements related to oceans, coasts, and small island developing States (SIDS), especially the goals emanating from the 2002 WSSD; 2) analyzing new emerging issues such as improving the governance regime for ocean areas beyond national jurisdiction; and 3) promoting international consensus-building on unresolved ocean issues.

The Global Forum was first mobilized in 2001 to help the worlds governments highlight issues related to oceans, coasts, and SIDS on the agenda of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development, and was later formalized at the WSSD in Johannesburg. The Global Forum is a response to perceived needs for fostering cross-sectoral dialogue on ocean issues among governments, NGOs, international organizations, and the private and scientific sectors; constant advocacy for oceans at the highest political levels; and the imperative of taking an ecosystem-based and integrated approach to oceans governance at national, regional, and global levels, including treating the water system—from freshwater, to coasts, to oceans—as the interlinked system that it is.

Since 2001, the Global Forum has involved ocean experts representing all sectors from 93 countries; organized three Global Conferences (in 2001, 2003, and 2006 at UNESCO in Paris, see Relationship to Other Global Efforts on p.9); organized the Ocean Policy Summit in Lisbon in 2005 documenting experiences with integrated oceans governance in over 20 countries and 4 regions around the world; prepared a number of reports on the implementation of the WSSD ocean targets, reports on ocean issues in island states for the 2005 Mauritius International Meeting, and reports on capacity development needs on ocean and coastal management in 8 world regions; and provided a series of Internet information services, including periodic newsletters.


Conference Themes

The Conference will focus on three major themes related to achieving ecosystem management and integrated coastal and ocean management at national and regional levels, and in areas beyond national jurisdiction, as follows:

Theme 1. Achieving Ecosystem Management and Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management

a. Coordinating Group on Theme 1
b. Large Marine Ecosystems
c. Marine Biodiversity and Networks of Marine Protected Areas
d. Linking the Management of Freshwater, Oceans, and Coasts
e. Fisheries and Aquaculture—Sustainability and Governance
f. Maritime Transportation

Theme 2. Climate and Oceans: Addressing Impacts in Vulnerable Ecosystems and in Vulnerable Coastal Communities

a. Coordinating Group on Theme 2: Cross-Cutting Issues
   - Vulnerable Communities
   - Vulnerable Ecosystems
b. Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Implementation of the Mauritius International Strategy

c. Compliance and Enforcement

d. Public Education / Outreach / Media

Theme 3. Governance of Marine Ecosystems and Uses in Areas Beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction

a. Coordinating Group on Theme 3: Cross-Cutting Issues
   - Overall Governance Issues
   - Ecosystems and Uses
   - Options for Governance Improvement

Working Groups on Overarching, Cross-Cutting, and Emerging Issues

a. Capacity Development
b. Indicators for Progress
c. Compliance and Enforcement
d. Public Education / Outreach / Media

Brief descriptions of the major Conference themes are noted below.

Theme 1. Ecosystem Management and Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management

a. Coordinating Group on Theme 1: Cross-Cutting Issues

Achievement of the global goals established by heads of State at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development is essential for attaining sustainable development of oceans and coasts. Yet, implementing the new paradigms of Integrated Ocean and Coastal Management (ICM) and Ecosystem-based Management (EBM) at national and region-
al levels and in areas beyond national jurisdiction (64% of the ocean) has proven difficult and faced many obstacles. Under this theme, Working Groups and conference participants will assess the extent to which, and under what circumstances, progress is being (or not being) made in achieving implementation of ICM and EBM in areas of national jurisdiction (coastal zones and Exclusive Economic Zones), in various transboundary ocean regions, and in ocean areas beyond national jurisdiction.

The Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands (April 7-11, 2008 in Hanoi, Vietnam) will produce, with the collaboration of the Working Group, a global report providing a report card on how far we have come, what obstacles must be overcome, what needs to be done, what emerging issues must be addressed, what funding is needed, and what capacity must be developed to further propel the implementation of integrated and ecosystem-based management approaches to governance of the world’s oceans. The report card will also take into consideration the effects of climate change on ocean and coastal ecosystems and peoples, which, as outlined in the 2007 IPCC report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will have profound effects on ecosystems and coastal populations around the world, especially among the poorest people on Earth, and in SIDS.

b. Large Marine Ecosystems

In 1995, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council included the concept of Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs) in its Operational Strategy as a vehicle to foster ecosystem-based approaches to the management of coastal and marine resources and address the land-sea interface. LMEs encompass coastal areas from river basins and estuaries to the seaward boundaries of continental shelves, enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and the outer margins of the major current systems. LMEs are typically 200,000 square kilometers or greater, and are characterized by distinct bathymetry, hydrography, productivity, and trophically dependent populations. To date, 64 LMEs have been identified in the global oceans. The GEF uses LMEs as units for facilitating integration across sectors, developing adaptive management frameworks with site-specific targets, and providing tools for engaging stakeholders. With GEF assistance, and in partnership with several UN agencies, 110 different nations are cooperating to improve place-based management for 17 LMEs. This Working Group will assess progress made in LMEs, challenges to managing LMEs, and provide guidance for the enhanced management of LMEs.

c. Marine Biodiversity and Networks of Marine Protected Areas

Halting the loss of marine and coastal biodiversity is an important component of maintaining ocean and coastal ecosystem function. The WSSD goal of achieving a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at global, regional and national levels as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on earth needs to be addressed in line with other related WSSD targets, especially the ecosystem target and the target of establishing networks of marine protected areas. Although tangible progress has been made in this area, with important regional and national initiatives underway and with significant support from the Convention on Biological Diversity, many challenges remain, particularly in the establishment of networks of marine protected areas. Progress is hampered by insufficient funding, inadequate awareness about the value of marine resources, lack of political will, and lack of shared long-term vision among stakeholders.

d. Linking the Management of Freshwater, Oceans, and Coasts

To address degradation of the marine environment, it is important to also consider and incorporate the impacts of land-based activities along the coast and also further inland. Activities that occur many miles inland can have an effect not only in coastal areas, but also far out at sea. Examples of these impacts include salt water intrusion into historically freshwater areas, nutrient over-enrichment, and changes in sedimentation patterns. To preserve overall ecosystem integrity, it is imperative to link management measures regarding oceans and coasts to the management of river basins and watersheds. Discussions of freshwater management and oceans management, however, typically take place separately in different fora. It is important to address the challenge of linking freshwater to coasts and oceans from a new collaborative perspective that examines how decision-making and institutional development from both upstream and downstream management could be reconciled at international, regional, national and sub-national levels.

e. Fisheries and Aquaculture—Sustainability and Governance

In 2005, 76% of marine fish stocks were classified by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as fully exploited, overexploited, or depleted, meaning the stocks are being fished at or beyond their maximum biological productivity. Only 23% were under or moderately exploited and 1% were recovering. According to the FAO, there has been a steady increase in the proportion of marine fish stocks that are classified as overexploited or depleted. Sustainability in fisheries and aquaculture is essential as the world’s population continues to grow and fish consumption increases. Employment in fisheries is growing faster than other agriculture sectors...
and many communities in developing countries rely on fishing for their livelihood.

An important shift from species-by-species management of fisheries towards ecosystem-based management is occurring at various levels. In particular, regional fisheries management organizations and Large Marine Ecosystem Projects are trying to operationalize ecosystem-based management, strengthen cooperation, and improve compliance and enforcement mechanisms, so that highly migratory, straddling, and shared stocks are adequately managed. Much further action, however, is needed to address such issues as: 1) overcapacity of the world’s fishing fleet; 2) illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, including by vessels flying “flags of convenience”; 3) subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and IUU fishing; 4) the use of fishing techniques and technologies that have adverse effects on the physical habitats and on non-targeted species; 5) allocation of fishing rights; 6) sustainable development of aquaculture; and 7) international fish trade and the impacts of market based standards.

f. Maritime Transport

The challenges that face ports and maritime transport include policy, economic, and environmental issues. These include issues related to energy and the environment, shipping and fleet modernization, port capacity and performance measures, and international, national, and regional trade and policy issues. Of particular interest for marine ecosystem management are concerns about air pollution, ballast water and invasive species, impacts of pollution accidents such as oil spills, marine litter, and dumping of waste, the establishment of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas, ship breaking and recycling, seafarer competency and capacity building, and port and maritime transport security.

Theme 2. Climate and Oceans: Addressing Impacts in Vulnerable Ecosystems and in Vulnerable Coastal Communities

a. Coordinating Group on Theme 2: Cross-Cutting Issues

The oceans are a part of the climate system and play a major role in regulating climate conditions. Changes in atmospheric conditions (temperature and weather patterns) can have a profound impact on the functioning of ocean, coastal and island ecosystems. In some cases, these impacts are already being seen, with increases in coastal flooding, storm intensity, and potentially changing current patterns. Ocean acidification, caused by the uptake of anthropogenic carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, poses adverse effects on calcifying species such as corals, echinoderms, crustaceans and mollusks as well as certain phytoplankton. Current evidence suggests that changes in the biogeochemistry of the marine environment over the next decades can be minimized with early and deep reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.

In its 2007 report, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), amid growing global concern, called urgent attention to the growing “climate divide” that exists between the developed and the developing world—that is to say, the brunt of the damage acting as the catalyst for global climate change has been created by the developed world but its impacts will be felt most readily by the developing world. As the chair of the IPCC panel noted “It’s the poorest of the poor in the world, and this includes poor people even in prosperous societies, who are going to be the worst hit. … [as] people who are poor are least equipped to be able to adapt to the impacts of climate change and therefore, in some sense, this does become a global responsibility” (IPCC 2007).

Developing nations in Africa (which account for less than three percent of global carbon emissions) and Asia would be most affected and the developed wealthy nations far from the equator least affected. Asia will be particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, especially major population centers at low elevations including: Mumbai, India; Shanghai, China; Jakarta, Indonesia; Tokyo, Japan; and Dhaka, Bangladesh. The five most vulnerable countries with large populations are China, India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Indonesia. The countries most threatened when looking at largest total land area are Russia, Canada, the United States, China, and Indonesia. The impact of climate change on developing nations, especially SIDS, is significant and the implications of these potential effects range from changes in ocean chemistry and forecasted sea level rise to impacts on ecosystems and human health.

The need to address these issues in the oceans community is a vital first step in combating the potentially devastating effects of climate change with specific attention to the developing world and SIDS.

b. Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Implementation of the Mauritius International Strategy

As stewards of vast ocean resources, small island developing states (SIDS) play a key role in efforts to sustainably manage ocean and coastal resources. SIDS are often the first to feel the effects of global environmental problems, due to their often small size, isolated locations, and vulnerability to climate change. It is clear that most SIDS countries are keenly aware of the importance of the marine environment and its resources to their sustainable development and economic stability. SIDS countries, however, are sometimes constrained by weak institutions and administrative processes and are in need
of enhanced human, technical and financial resources to develop and implement cross-cutting approaches to the planning and management of oceans and coasts.

The 2005 Mauritius International Strategy for the further implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the sustainable development of SIDS is the overarching framework for addressing the range of issues affecting SIDS countries. Additional and sustained infusion of development assistance support to enhance the capacity of SIDS countries will be needed to implement the Strategy. With external assistance and the political will of SIDS leaders, a SIDS-driven mechanism could be developed to provide operational guidance, mobilization of support, oversight, and monitoring and reporting on progress in the implementation of the Mauritius International Strategy.

It will be especially important to have such a SIDS-driven mechanism to facilitate mitigation and adaptation to climate change effects in SIDS nations. The University Consortium of Small Island States (emanating from the Mauritius International Meeting) should be used to enhance local SIDS capacity to address complex issues related to oceans, coasts, and climate.

Theme 3. Governance of Marine Ecosystems and Uses in Areas Beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction

Developing enhanced governance regimes for the management of 2/3 of the world’s ocean beyond national jurisdiction represents the next major multilateral negotiations which nations will need to negotiate in the context of the United Nations in the next decade. Key issues that need to be addressed in areas beyond national jurisdiction include: the extraction of genetic resources for biotechnology purposes, fisheries problems (illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, overfishing, destructive fishing practices), pollution (including ocean acidification), marine transportation, offshore oil and gas, and climate change, among others. Compared to ocean governance in areas within national jurisdiction, the governance regime for managing ocean areas beyond national jurisdiction is fragmented, single-sector based, and is incomplete. It is exceedingly difficult, under present conditions, to manage the oceans beyond national jurisdiction in an integrated and ecosystem-based manner. There is no consensus on the various legal and policy issues surrounding marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, and there are many different options being elaborated and discussed about how these issues should be resolved. There are, as well, deep divisions of opinions on both the problems and the solutions in the management of these ocean areas—especially among developed and developing countries, industries, and environmental interests. The Working Group is examining the policy issues involved in the governance of marine ecosystems and uses in areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, with the intent of clarifying the issues, exposing the variety of perspectives on the issues, identifying possible areas of agreement and consensus-building among disparate interests, and elaborating various policy options and management approaches.

Working Groups on Overarching, Cross-Cutting Issues

a. Capacity Development

To achieve the WSSD targets on oceans, coasts, and islands, it is essential to identify and address capacity building needs of governments, as well as opportunities for partnerships and funding support from donor organizations, in developing States, SIDS, and in States with economies in transition to implement integrated, multidisciplinary and multisectoral approaches to the management of oceans and coasts at national and regional levels. To assist States in their endeavors to develop and implement the necessary institutional frameworks, the international community needs to provide or strengthen capacity building initiatives in various regions of the world.

Under the framework of the Global Forum’s GEF/MSP on Fostering a Global Dialogue on Oceans, Coasts, and SIDS, and on Freshwater-Coastal-Marine Interlinkages, the Global Forum has carried out 8 regional assessments of capacity building needs in ocean and coastal management (in East Asia, Africa, and Latin America), in 4 SIDS regions (Pacific, Caribbean, Atlantic, and Indian Ocean), and among the 8 Portuguese-speaking nations. The intent of this activity was to develop a detailed proposal for action in capacity development that could be part of a funding portfolio in the future, such as a Capacity Development in Ocean and Coastal Management Fund. The 4th Global Conference will consider different modalities for realizing such a capacity mechanism. Also of consideration in this group are the MDG targets. In order to achieve the MDG targets of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger while ensuring environmental sustainability, national agencies and key stakeholders have to be engaged in implementing concrete strategies and action programmes. With the assistance of international and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, national agencies and key stakeholders need to integrate poverty eradication in sectoral and integrated management programmes. Essentially, targeting poverty reduction forms part of the application of ecosystem management approach, which takes into account socioeconomic aspects. For example, the alternative livelihood
components in integrated coastal management programs and marine protected areas programs have to be strengthened with better infrastructure, capacity building, and marketing schemes, which could be done with the collaboration of the appropriate government and other agencies, in order to encourage the reduction of pressure on natural resources and stocks, thereby allowing depleted and overexploited resources to recover.

b. Indicators for Progress

Indicators in ecosystem-based management and integrated ocean and coastal management are needed in order to take stock of tangible progress achieved in addressing coastal and ocean management. Capacity in setting indicators and in using them in evaluating performance is needed at all levels of a project hierarchy. There is also a need to tailor indicators according to what data or information project implementers need in order to adjust or fine-tune project implementation. Because of the wide range of indicators that might be needed and the challenges encountered in their application, it might be difficult to adopt a universal or common set of indicators among ocean and coastal management practitioners. However, on the other hand, adoption of a common set of parsimonious indicators to measure progress on ecosystem-based integrated coastal and ocean management is essential to gauge progress (or the absence thereof).

c. Compliance and Enforcement

While the international community has made significant strides in developing agreements, rules, and regulations to improve ocean and coastal management, compliance and enforcement of these instruments often lags. This is true at the international, national, and sub-national levels. This is due variously to insufficient institutional mechanisms and mandates, capacity, and political will. Improving compliance and enforcement of ocean and coastal management, then, requires a range of initiatives. These include developing and strengthening compliance mechanisms at the international level, as well as enhancing national and sub-national capacity to implement and enforce. The approaches will necessarily include a suite of regulatory and nonregulatory mechanisms (including incentives, planning, and information-based approaches).

d. Public Education and Outreach

There is a need to motivate the widest possible audience on a worldwide scale to inspire behavior that respects the environment and thus promotes an intelligent and sustainable use of the ocean. This is the major purpose of the World Ocean Network (the world association of maritime museums and aquaria), a key partner of the Global Forum. Through various media, mechanisms, and institutions such as aquaria, zoos, science centers, institutions, associations, and NGOs, the public could be reached and individuals engaged in sustainable actions. There are myriad ways by which citizens could contribute to sustainable use of the ocean but there is a need for more targeted dissemination and application of information on management and conservation. Lessons learned from successful media campaigns such as those initiated to modify consumer behavior regarding consumption of fish caught by illegal means should be widely circulated and applied in similar initiatives.

Among the crucial components of a communication strategy and action plan for the oceans is the official designation by the United Nations of June 8th as the international World Ocean Day, which is an ideal occasion to raise the international profile of the ocean through jointly organized cultural, educational, scientific, and recreational activities based on the themes of water, the ocean and sustainable development.
Relationship to Other Global Efforts

This Global Conference is the fourth in a series begun in 2001. The first conference, *Oceans and Coasts at Rio+10: Toward the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)*, Johannesburg (held at UNESCO in Paris, France on December 3-7, 2001), was useful in placing ocean, coastal, and SIDS issues on the WSSD agenda. As noted in the UN Secretary General’s report on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (March 3, 2003), A/58/65: 7.

The persistent efforts of all interested groups, beginning with the Global Conference on Oceans and Coasts at Rio+10, persuaded the preparatory meetings for the Johannesburg Conference that not only was UNCLOS not the end of the road, but also that many of the commitments of the UNCED at Rio remained unfulfilled.

Following the WSSD, the Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands: Mobilizing for Implementation of the Commitments Made at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development on Oceans, Coasts, and Small Island Developing States (held at UNESCO in Paris on November 12-14, 2003), was useful in spurring the process of initial implementation of the WSSD commitments. This meeting proved especially important because the Commission on Sustainable Development is not scheduled to examine ocean issues until 2014.

The 3rd Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands: Moving the Global Oceans Agenda Forward, organized by the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, was held January 23-28, 2006 at UNESCO in Paris, France. The Conference included over 400 participants from 78 countries, and greatly benefited from the participation of 37 ministers and high-level government representatives. The Conference brought together key national level officials, regional organizations, UN agencies, donors, industry, non-governmental organizations, scientists and journalists to assess progress achieved and obstacles faced in the implementation of international targets on oceans, coasts, and small island developing states (SIDS), especially those related to the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and other related agreements. As noted, a synthesis report providing an overall assessment, *Meeting the Commitments on Oceans, Coasts, and Small Island Developing States Made at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development: How Well Are We Doing?* is available at http://www.globaloceans.org/globalconferences/2006/pdf/WSSDReport_100406d.pdf.

The Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands builds on the three past global conferences, and is directly related to a number of other international efforts and global conferences.

The Ocean Policy Summit—International Conference on Integrated Ocean Policy: National and Regional Experiences, Prospects, and Emerging Practices (held in Lisbon, Portugal, on October 10-14, 2005). This conference explicitly considered advances in the WSSD and MDG goals of achieving integrated oceans governance at national and regional levels, and made considerable progress in the collective understanding of how national and regional ocean policies may be enhanced and further expanded. Results from The Ocean Policy Summit will be available in a book published by the United Nations University Press.

The 4th World Water Forum (held in Mexico City, Mexico, on March 16-22, 2006). Results of the Paris global conference provided input to the 4th World Water Forum particularly regarding specific recommendations for better linking freshwater to coasts to oceans and development of a joint program of work involving freshwater and ocean institutions.

The *Second Intergovernmental Review (IGR-2) of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA)*, was held in Beijing, China, on October 16-20, 2006. The report emanating from the Third Global Conference, *Meeting the Commitments on Oceans, Coasts, and Small Island Developing States Made at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development: How Well Are We Doing?*, including specific recommendations for further advancement of the GPA, was presented at the IGR-2 in Beijing.

The *World Ocean Conference (WOC 2009)* will take place in Indonesia on May 11-15, 2009 and will bring together high-level political leaders from coastal nations around the world. This summit will provide a forum for working toward achieving international commitments in the sustainable development of marine resources and will specifically address the policy recommendations reached at the Vietnam Conference. The Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands is partnering with the Government of Indonesia as a supporter of this effort.

The *East Asian Seas Congress*, a triennial event that began in 2003, will take place November 23-27, 2009 in Manila, Philippines. This event provides a platform for policymakers, local governments, scientists, academia, private sector, civil society, youth and other international, regional, national, and local stakeholders to converge, discuss, and share lessons learned on coastal and ocean management/governance. Carrying the theme “Partnerships at Work: Local Implementation and Good Practices”, the 2009 Congress will feature local or on-the-ground initiatives and good practices, and review progress made since the 2006 EAS Congress in relation to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA).
Key Conference Features
The Global Conference will feature:
• High-level presentations on selected topics by high-level ocean officials from around the world;
• Topical panels bringing together experts from governments, international agencies, nongovernmental organizations, scientists, and the private sector, and featuring stage-setting analytical papers;
• Structured Concurrent Dialogue Sessions on specific topics on which the conference is expected to achieve progress; and
• Opportunities for special groups and communities of interest to advance particular aspects of the global oceans agenda.

The intent is to bring carefully crafted analyses, high-level perspectives, and perspectives from all ocean sectors and areas of the world to focus on tangible next steps in advancing ecosystem management by 2010 and examine the current trends in integrated coastal and ocean management. Thirteen Global Forum Working Groups, organized according to the themes noted above, will report their findings and policy recommendations at the Global Conference. The conference will maximize opportunities for meaningful dialogue among the expert participants through the facilitation of the Concurrent Dialogue Sessions and discussions in special workshops and side events.

Conference Results
The results of the 4th Global Conference will be relayed to various organs of the United Nations, will be presented at the UN Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea, and will be broadly disseminated to governments, civil society, and industry and scientific groups throughout the world.

The specific recommendations emanating from the 4th Global Conference will be considered by high-level ocean political leaders, on May 11-15, 2009, at the World Ocean Conference, hosted by the Government of Indonesia, in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia, in collaboration with the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, and other international partners.

Conference Coverage
Summary of presentations and reports of dialogues will be provided by the Earth Negotiations Bulletin.

The World Ocean Observatory, in collaboration with the World Ocean Network, will be carrying out interviews with the Conference participants for Internet posting.

Language of Conference
English is the official language of the conference.

Conference Host
The Conference is kindly hosted in Hanoi by the Government of Vietnam, with leadership from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Vietnam
Vietnam is one of the most biologically diverse countries in Southeast Asia, home to 275 species of mammals, 800 species of birds, 180 species of reptiles, 80 species of amphibians, 2,470 species of fish, 5,500 species of insects, more than 165 coral species, and 12,000 plant species (of which only 7,000 have been identified). Ten per cent of the world’s mammal, bird, and fish species inhabit the country and more than 40 per cent of local plant species are believed to exist nowhere else in the world. Vietnam is part of the Indo-Burma hotspot that covers 2,373,000 km of tropical Asia east of the Ganges-Brahmaputra lowlands. The extensive coastal area in this hotspot includes the 3,444-km coastline of Vietnam. Vietnam is a densely-populated, developing country that, in the last 30 years, has made substantial progress in moving toward an increased level of development and poverty reduction. In recent years, government authorities, together with non-governmental organizations in Vietnam, worked on enhancing the policy and practice of integrated coastal management and marine protected
areas. GDP growth averaged 6.8% per year from 1997 to 2004 and hit a high of 8% in 2005. Since 2001, Vietnamese authorities have reaffirmed their commitment to economic liberalization and international integration. They have moved to implement the structural reforms needed to modernize the economy and to produce more competitive, export-driven industries. A highlight of this commitment is the recent meeting of the Asian Pacific Economic Forum (APEC) that was held in Vietnam in 2006. Vietnam’s vision and economy continues to propel the nation forward as an emerging leader in Southeast Asia.

**Hanoi**

Often referred to as the “Paris of the East,” Hanoi is the thriving capital city of Vietnam. Since its first incarnation as the capital city in 1010, Hanoi (meaning “bend in the river”) has centered around its environment along the Red River. Combining French and Chinese design with its own unique blend of culture in its pagodas, temples, museums, landmarks, shopping, and cuisine, Hanoi represents the crossroads of Vietnamese culture. With its tree-lined avenues and dotted lakes, Hanoi is a visitor’s delight offering, for example, a perfect setting for an afternoon walk and a stop at one of the city’s many French-style cafes while taking in the bustling atmosphere. Sightseeing highlights include the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Museum; the Hoa Lo Prison, sometimes known as the “Hanoi Hilton,” now a museum; the National Art Museum; Hoan Kiem Lake; and the winding maze of streets of the Old Quarter, filled with shops of all varieties. Modern Hanoi is a city unto itself that pays due respect to its past, its people, and its opportunities for the future.

**Trip to Halong Bay**

The Conference will feature a trip to Halong Bay, a dramatically beautiful and unique World Heritage Site. Halong Bay is situated in the northeast region of Vietnam, in the Gulf of Tonkin, and covers an area of 1533 sq km with 1,969 islands including 980 named islands. Halong Bay is an outstanding example of a Karst landscape which is the result of a complex geological process taking over a hundred million years to create. Each island is a unique limestone formation. Once a massive plateau, as sea water rose and rainwater eroded the tops, fantastic formations were created and now exist in ever changing states. Within the islands of the bay, there are also hundreds of caves, 5,000 to 8,000 years in the making.

Halong Bay’s island and coastal area provide a wide range of habitats and ecosystems. There are an estimated 400 species of fish, 500 species of benthos, 160 species of coral, 355 species of plankton, 140 species of seaweed, 7 types of seagrass, and 34 varieties of mangroves. In addition, Halong Bay has served as a home to traditional Vietnamese maritime families for more than eight generations. These families live on the water, respecting the source of their livelihood, food, and shelter.

Halong Bay was recognized as one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 1994. Since that time, the Halong Bay Management Department was established in 1995 with the mission of the management, conservation, and development of Halong Bay. The Cua Van Floating Cultural Center was created as a part of the bay as a place for unique educational opportunities for the public about the natural and economic values of Halong Bay. It also serves as a community meeting center for the Halong Bay fishing communities for educational and civic opportunities. Halong Bay is a beautiful picturesque natural area, created by nature, and nurtured by its people.

An overnight field trip to Halong Bay has been organized from April 10 to 11 at the end of the conference. Please note this is an add-on expense that individual conference participants will incur at their own cost. Total cost of the field trip may be obtained at the Tour Registration Desk.

**Additional Tour Information**

Detailed conference information is available at www.globaloceans.org/globalconferences/2008/
Conference Program

April 3 to April 7, 2008 Concurrent Pre-Conference Meetings
April 8-11, 2008, Global Conference

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

**CONCURRENT PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

9:00AM–5:00PM  *Asian Regional Workshop on Stakeholder Engagement in International Waters Management*, Jessica Troell, Environmental Law Institute and Dann Sklarew, GEF/IW:LEARN

9:00AM–5:00PM  *Ecosystem-based Aquaculture and Fisheries Management*, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), World Conservation Union (IUCN), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) (Vietnam Institute of Fisheries Economics and Planning (VIFEP), Research Institute for Aquaculture No.1/ Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (RIA1/NORAD), Strengthening Capture Fisheries Management (SCAFI))

9:00AM-5:00PM  *Designing Payments for Ecosystem Services*, James Oliver and Mark Smith, IUCN, Janot-Reine Mendler de Suarez, GEF/IW:LEARN and the World Bank Institute

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4**

**CONCURRENT PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

9:00AM–5:00PM  *Asian Regional Workshop on Stakeholder Engagement in International Waters Management*, Environmental Law Institute and GEF/IW:LEARN (Continuation)

9:00AM-4:00PM  *Vietnam’s Marine Protected Areas Network: Lessons Learned, Challenges, Management Issues and Opportunities*, Livelihoods in and around Marine Protected Areas (LMPA)/Danida Project, IUCN Viet Nam, WWF Viet Nam and Centre for Marineline Conservation and Community Development (MCD)

9:00AM–5:00PM  *Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Ocean Strategy Workshop*, Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) and Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands

9:00AM–5:00PM  *Ecosystem-based Aquaculture and Fisheries Management*, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), World Conservation Union (IUCN), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) (Vietnam Institute for Fisheries Economics and Planning (VIFEP), Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (RIA1/NORAD), Strengthening Capture Fisheries Management (SCAFI)) (Continuation)

9:00AM-5:00PM  *Designing Payments for Ecosystem Services*, IUCN, GEF/IW:LEARN and the World Bank Institute (Continuation)
**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

**CONCURRENT PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

9:00AM–4:00PM  
*Vietnam’s Marine Protected Areas Network: Lessons Learned, Challenges, Management Issues and Opportunities*, LMPA/Danida Project, IUCN Viet Nam, WWF Viet Nam and MCD (Continuation)

9:00AM–5:00PM  

9:00AM–5:00PM  
*Designing Payments for Ecosystem Services*, IUCN, GEF/IW:LEARN and the World Bank Organization (Continuation)

1:00–5:00PM  

5:00-6:30PM  
*Meeting of Public Education and Outreach Group*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

9:00AM–1:00PM  
*CITY TOURS* (sign-up form available on website www.globaloceans.org)

**CONCURRENT PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

Working Group Meetings (to review Working Group policy briefs and next policy steps) (timeframe may be extended as needed)

2:00 to 4:00 PM  
*Ecosystem Management and Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management by 2010 and Indicators for Measuring Progress*, Steven Murawski, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Biliana Cicin-Sain, Global Forum; Nguyen Chu Hoi, Vietnam, Julian Barbiere and Stefano Belfiore, IOC

*Marine Biodiversity and Networks of Marine Protected Areas*, Jihyun Lee, Convention on Biological Diversity, Marea Hatziolos, World Bank, Sue Wells, Consultant

*Small Island Developing States and Implementation of the Mauritius International Strategy*, Rolph Payet, Seychelles; Ambassador Angus Friday (Grenada); Ambassador Tuiloma Neroni Slade (Samoa); Ambassador Jagdish Koonjul (Mauritius)

*Linking Freshwater to Coasts to Oceans*, Torkil Jonch-Clausen, Denmark; Dr. Gonzalo Cid, Thomas Laughlin, and Gonzalo Cid, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Andy Hudson, UNDP 

*Fisheries and Aquaculture: Sustainability and Governance*, Rebecca Lent, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Chris Tompkins, DEFRA, UK; Le Thanh Luu, Vietnam

*Maritime Transportation* (under formation), Gerard J. Mangone, University of Delaware, Neil Anthony Bellefontaine, World Maritime University, Sweden, Jose Matheickal, IMO
4:00 to 6:00 PM  
**Climate, Oceans, and Security**, Gunnar Kullenberg, Janot-Reine Mendler de Suarez, GEF:IWLEARN, Biliana Cicin-Sain, Global Forum, Ik Kyo Chung, Pusan National University, Korea, Kateryna Wowk, Global Forum

**Implementing the Ecosystem-Based Approach in Large Marine Ecosystems**, Ken Sherman, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Thomas Laughlin, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Marie-Christine Aquarone, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Chidi Ibe, UNIDO

**Governance of Marine Ecosystems and Uses in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction**, Salvatore Arico, UNESCO, Sivu Maqungo, South Africa, David Freestone, World Bank, Biliana Cicin-Sain, Global Forum, Miriam Balgos, Global Forum, Marjo Vierros, UN University, Yokohama

**Capacity Development**, Ali Mohamed, NEPAD, Indumathie Hewawasam, World Bank, Faz Ali, University Consortium of Small Island States, Trinidad and Tobago, Prof. Dr. Mai Trong Nhuan, Vietnam National University

**Compliance and Enforcement**, Carl Bruch, Environmental Law Institute, Daniela Chitu, European Commission

**Public Education and Outreach**, Philippe Vallette, World Ocean Network, Peter Neill, World Ocean Observatory, Vu Van Trieu, IUCN Vietnam

7:00PM  
Informal get-together for conference participants (no-host) at Melia Hotel Latino Lounge

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**MONDAY, APRIL 7**

8:00AM–5:00PM  
**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

**CONCURRENT PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

9:00AM–4:30PM  

9:00AM–12:00 Noon  
**Sharing Experiences and Lessons in Ecosystem-based Regional Ocean Governance**, Kenneth Sherman, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Jan Thulin, GEF Baltic Sea Regional Project; Chidi Ibe, UNIDO; Michael O’Toole, Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem Programme; Al Duda, GEF

9:00AM–12:00 Noon  
**Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change and Variability – Guidance for Coastal Planning and Development**, Pam Rubinoff, University of Rhode Island and John Furlow, USAID

2:00–4:00PM  
**Coordinating meeting for Coral Triangle Initiative**, Tonny Wagey, MOMAF, Indonesia; TBA, Asian Development Bank; Anna Tengberg, UNDP; Frazer McGilvray, Conservation International; James Hardcastle, The Nature Conservancy; World Wildlife Fund

2:00–5:00PM  
**Ecosystem Services and their Valuation**, Anjan Datta, UNEP/GPA and Dr. Vo Si Tuan, UNEP/GEF South China Sea Project
HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND RECEPTION (by invitation)

4:00-6:00PM INFORMAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR MINISTERS AND HIGH-LEVEL AND EMINENT PARTICIPANTS on addressing oceans, climate, and biodiversity issues, especially a Post-Bali update (by invitation)

Co-Chairs:
Mrs. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer, Global Environment Facility
Dr. Cao Duc Phat, Minister, Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

6:00–7:00PM High-Level Reception, Melia Hotel (by invitation)

7:00PM Informal get-together for conference participants at Melia Hotel Latino Lounge
TUESDAY APRIL 8

Morning

7:30AM-5:00PM  Conference Registration
All participants are kindly asked to be seated by 8:30AM for Conference Opening.

CONFERENCIE OPENING

8:40-9:00AM  Welcome: Vietnamese Cultural Presentation
Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Le Van Minh, Director General, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

9:00-9:30AM  Welcome by Conference Co-Chairs and Eminent Persons
Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, Co-Chair and Head of Secretariat, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands and Co-Chair, Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands
His Excellency Minister Dr. Cao Duc Phat, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Co-Chair, Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands
Mrs. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer, Global Environment Facility
Dr. Veerle Vandeweerd, Director, Environment and Energy Group United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Co-Chair, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands
Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), UNEP and Co-Chair, Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands
Mr. Javier Armando Valladares, Chairperson, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO

9:30-9:40AM  Vietnam and the Oceans: Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Pham Gia Khiem, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam

9:40–9:50AM  Large Marine Ecosystems, Climate, and Biodiversity: An International Action Agenda, Mrs. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer, Global Environment Facility

9:50–10:05AM  Achieving Ecosystem Management and Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management in the Context of Climate Change: Conference Objectives and Overview, Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, Co-Chair and Head of Secretariat, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands

10:05–10:15AM  Political Mobilization for Effective Ocean Governance in the Context of Ecosystem Management and Climate Change, Hon. Mr. Freddy Numberi, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia (Chair, World Ocean Conference 2009)

10:15–10:30AM  Coffee/Tea Break
PLENARY PANEL 1. OCEANS, CLIMATE, AND SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

10:30-10:45AM Co-Chairs: Dr. Rolph Payet, Advisor to the President of Seychelles
Ambassador Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Samoa
Dr. Nguyen Hong Thao, Vice-Chair of Committee of National Boundaries of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam

10:45–10:55AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Climate Change, Oceans, and Vulnerable Communities and Ecosystems: The Imperative for International Responses to the Climate Divide, President James Alix Michel, President of Seychelles (video presentation)

10:55–11:00AM Report of the Working Group on Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy, Dr. Rolph Payet, Advisor to the President of Seychelles

11:00–11:20AM Ambassador Angus Friday, Grenada
(Chair, Alliance of Small Island States)

11:20–11:30AM Ambassador Jagdish Koonjul, Mauritius
(Former Chair, Alliance of Small Island States)

11:30–11:40AM Ambassador Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Samoa
(First Chair, Alliance of Small Island States)

11:40–11:50AM Honorable Mr. Noah Idechong, Congressman, House of Delegates, Palau

11:50–12:00 Noon Discussion

12:00–1:20PM LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon

PLENARY PANEL 2. ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATED OCEAN AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT BY 2010: CHALLENGES TO DECISION-MAKERS

1:20–1:40PM Co-Chairs: Dr. Alfred M. Duda, Senior Advisor, International Waters, GEF
Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), UNEP
Dr. Andrew Hudson, Principal Technical Advisor, International Waters, UNDP-GEF
Prof. Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi, Institute of Fisheries Economics and Planning, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam
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<td><strong>Adaptation to Climate Change and Renewable Energy:</strong> Keys to Achieving Ecosystem Management,** Dr. Veerle Vandeweerd, Director, Environment and Energy Group, United Nations Development Programme</td>
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4:20–4:30PM  *Toward a Global Assessment of Marine Ecosystems: Status and Prospects*, Mr. Julian Barbiere, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO


4:45–6:45PM  **CONCURRENT DISCUSSION SESSIONS**

*Advancing the Implementation of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Mauritius Strategy*
Ambassador Angus Friday, Chair, AOSIS (Chair)
Mr. Bruce Chapman, Pacific Futures Programme, SPREP
Mr. Nguyen Hong Thao, Vice-Chair of Committee of National Boundaries of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam

*Experiences in the Practical Implementation of Country-Driven GEF LME Programs,*
Dr. Kenneth Sherman, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Chair)
Dr. Chidi Ibe, Regional Coordination Unit, The Guinea Current LME Project and Commission, Accra, Ghana
Dr. Michael O’Toole, Programme Coordination Unit, The Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem (BCLME), Windhoek, Namibia
Prof. Qisheng Tang, Yellow Sea LME Project Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute, Qingdao, China
Mr. Hyung Tack Huh, Yellow Sea LME Project, KORDI, Republic of South Korea
Mr. Yihang Jiang, Yellow Sea LME Project, UNDP
Dr. Jan Thulin, The Baltic Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Programme (BSLME), Copenhagen, Denmark
Dr. Antonio Diaz de Leon Corral, The Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea LME Projects, SEMARNAT, Mexico

*Progress Markers*
Mr. Julian Barbiere, IOC (Chair)
Mr. Zac Hart, Coastal Services Center, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Mr. Steven Purvis, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada

Mr. Hiroshi Terashima, Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Japan (Chair)
Mr. Stephen Adrian Ross, Acting Executive Director, PEMSEA
Dr. Nguyen Ba Son, Director of Department of International Law and Treaties of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam

Dr. Yves Henocque, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER), France

Dr. Indroyono Soesilo, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia

Prof. Moritaka Hayashi, Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Japan

Mr. Jae Young Lee, Ministry of Land, Transport, and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Korea

Mr. Robert Jara, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines

Dr. Vladimir Golitsyn, Professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russian Federation

Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi, VIFEP, and Hoang Ngoc Giao, Vietnam National University

◆ Dealing with Changes in Oceans: Ocean Warming, Ocean Acidification, Changes in Polar Regions

Dr. Gunnar Kullenberg, former Executive Secretary, IOC/UNESCO (Chair)

Dr. Vu Thanh Ca, Director, Center for Marine and Ocean Atmosphere Interaction Research

◆ Marine Transportation

Dr. Jose Matheickal, IMO (Chair)

Dr. Gerard J. Mangone, College of Marine and Earth Studies, University of Delaware

Mr. Vu The Quang, Director of Legal Department of Vietnam Maritime Administration

◆ Capacity Development Among the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Nations

Dr. Ademilson Zamboni, Ministry of Environment, Brazil

Ms. Isabel Torres de Noronha, Portugal, Community of Portuguese-Speaking Nations

◆ Building Networks of Local Officials for Integrated Coastal and Ocean Governance

Mr. Patrick Anvroin, Commission Peripherique des Regions Maritimes, Europe (Chair)

Ms. Nancy Bermas, PEMSEA

Mr. Ralph Cantral, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Honorable Councilwoman Stephanie McClellan, New Castle County, Delaware
Dr. Tran Duc Thanh, Institute of Marine Environment and Resources of VAST
Dr. Do Cong Thung, Institute of Marine Environment and Resources of VAST

7:30–8:30PM
WELCOME RECEPTION, Melia Hotel (Sponsored by the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Government of Indonesia)
• World Ocean Conference 2009
• Launching of UNEP Report on Climate Change and Large Marine Ecosystems
• Viewing of LME DVDs and IMO DVD on GloBallast Programme
• Celebration of 2008 International Year of the Reef
• Presentation of Global Forum Special Recognition Awards

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Morning
8:00 AM–5:00PM
Conference Registration
Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Janot-Reine Mendler de Suarez, Deputy Director, GEF IW:LEARN

PLENARY PANEL 3. FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE: SUSTAINABILITY AND GOVERNANCE
9:00–9:10AM
Co-Chairs: Dr. Rebecca Lent, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
          Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi, Vietnam Institute of Fisheries Economics and Planning
          Dr. Le Thanh Luu, Director of Research Institute for Aquaculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

9:10–9:25AM
Global Challenges in Fisheries Management (Report of the Working Group on Fisheries and Aquaculture), Dr. Rebecca Lent, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

9:25–9:35AM
Challenges in Fisheries Management in Vietnam, Dr. Nguyen Viet Thang, Vice Minister for Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam

9:35–9:45AM
Ocean Use Access Agreements in EEZs of Developing Nations, Mr. Kilus Nguvauva, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Namibia

9:45–9:55AM
Reforming Regional Fishery Management Organizations, Mr. Chris Tompkins, Independent Consultant, United Kingdom

9:55–10:05AM
Tuna: A Global Sustainability and Governance Challenge, Ms. Lorraine Ridgeway, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada
10:05-10:25 AM  **Commentary:** Professor Moritaka Hayashi, Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Japan, and former Assistant Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

10:05–10:20AM  **Discussion**
Moderator: Dr. Rebecca Metzner, FAO

10:25–10:45AM  **Coffee/Tea Break**

**PLENARY PANEL 4. HALTING LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY AND ESTABLISHING REPRESENTATIVE NETWORKS OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**

10:45–11:00AM  **Co-Chairs:** Dr. Jihyun Lee, Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat (CBD)

Prof. Dr. Do Van Khuong, Director of Research Institute of Marine Fisheries, Vietnam

11:00–11:15AM  **Working Group Report on Halting Marine Biodiversity Loss and Establishing Representative Networks of Marine Protected Areas,**
Dr. Jihyun Lee, CBD Secretariat and Ms. Sue Wells, Independent Consultant

11:15–11:25AM  **Global Challenges in Marine Biodiversity Conservation,**
Ms. Nicole Glineur, Biodiversity Program Manager, Global Environment Facility

11:25–11:35AM  **MPA Advances in Small Island Developing States,** Dr. Rolph Payet, Special Advisor to the President of Seychelles, and James Hardcastle, Senior Conservation Finance and Policy Advisor, Asia-Pacific, The Nature Conservancy

11:35–11:45AM  **MPA Effectiveness and Coral Reef Conservation,** Dr. Marea Hatziolos, Senior Coastal and Marine Specialist, Environment Department, The World Bank

11:45–11:55AM  **Marine Protected Areas in Vietnam: Lessons Learned and Common Experiences in Southeast Asia (+ Report of the Pre-conference workshop),** Mr. Nguyen Giang Thu, Project Director of Livelihoods and MPAs, Vietnam

11:55AM-12:05PM  **Reversing Trends in Environmental Degradation in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand through Marine Refugia,** Dr. Vo Si Tuan, Former Senior Expert, UNEP DGEF, Institute of Oceanography, Vietnam, UNEP/GEF South China Sea Project

12:05–12:15PM  **Building MPA Success From Within: Professionalizing the MPA Staff,** Dr. Julius Francis, Executive Secretary, Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), Tanzania

12:15–12:30PM  **Discussion**
12:30-1:30 PM  **Lunch**

**Afternoon**

Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Janot-Reine Mendler de Suarez, Deputy Director, GEF IW:LEARN
PLENARY PANEL 5. OCEANS And CLIMATE

1:30–1:40PM Co-Chairs: Dr. Gunnar Kullenberg, former Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO
Ms. Janot-Reine Mendler de Suarez, GEF IW:LEARN
Dr. Vu Thanh Ca, Vietnam Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology

1:40–1:55PM Report of the Working Group on Climate, Oceans, and Security,
Dr. Gunnar Kullenberg, former Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO

1:55–2:05PM Practical Measures for Adapting to Climate Change,
Ms. Pamela Rubinoff, Coastal Resources Center, University of Rhode Island

2:05–2:15PM Accelerated Global Warming and The Emerging Trends in Fisheries Biomass Yields in LMEs: “Cap and Sustain” Approach,
Dr. Kenneth Sherman, GEF LME Programme and U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

2:15–2:25PM Climate Change and Public Health Issues,
Dr. Paul Epstein, Center for Health and the Global Environment, Harvard University Medical School

2:25–2:35PM Climate Variability and Hazards,
Dr. Nguyen Huu Ninh, Chairman, Center for Environment Research, Education and Development, Vietnam National University, and Coordinator, Indochina Global Change Network

2:35–2:45PM Large Scale Marine Renewable Power,
Dr. Willett Kempton, College of Marine and Earth Studies, University of Delaware

2:45–2:55PM Korea: Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Context of Climate Change,
Mr. Gijun Han, Ministry of Land, Transport, and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Korea

2:45–3:15PM Discussion

3:15–5:15PM CONCURRENT DISCUSSION SESSIONS Coffee/Tea Break

All participants are kindly asked to get their coffee/tea and proceed to the Concurrent Session Rooms.

◆ Practical Solutions to Climate Change Adaptation
Prof. Ik Kyo Chung, Pusan National University, Korea (Chair)
Mr. Gi-Jun Han, Ministry of Land, Transport, and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Korea
Dr. David Zilkoski, National Geodetic Survey, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Dr. Edward Cyr, National Marine Fisheries Service, Marine Ecosystems Division, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Dr. Le Trong Binh, Research Institute for Tourism Development (MCIS, Vietnam)
Dr. James McGoodwin, University of Colorado

◆ Mitigation Measures to Climate Change Impacts: Encouraging Alternative Sources of Energy: Wind, Waves, Tides, Currents, OTEC
Dr. Willett M. Kempton, University of Delaware

◆ Uses of Marine Ecosystems in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (Bioprospecting, Fisheries, Deep Seabed Mining, Maritime Transportation, Communication Cables: Opportunities for Enhancing the Management Frameworks
Mr. Mick Green, International Cable Protection Committee (Chair)
Dr. Raphael Billé, IDDRI, France
Dr. Hoang Ngoc Giao, School of Law, Vietnam National University, Hanoi

◆ Integrated Coastal and Ocean Policies: 2—Regional Perspectives
Mr. Masahiro Akiyama, Chairman, Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Japan (Chair)
Mr. Ellik Adler, Coordinator, UNEP Regional Seas Programme
Mr. Vincent Sweeney, Caribbean IWCAM program
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◆ Controlling Fishing Overcapacity
Dr. Rebecca Metzner, FAO (Chair)
Ms. Lorraine Ridgeway, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada
Mr. Len Garces, WorldFish Centre, Malaysia

◆ Doing Aquaculture Right
Mr. Serge Garcia, former Director, FAO (Chair)
Dr. Le Thanh Luu, Director of Research Institute for Aquaculture

◆ Mainstreaming Coastal and Marine Issues into National Planning and Budgetary Processes
Dr. Anjan Datta, UNEP/GPA, Netherlands
Prof. John Soussan, Director, Water Resources and Sanitation Programme, Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden
Dr. Vo Si Tuan, UNEP/GEF South China Sea Project
Dr. Pierre Failier, University of Portsmouth, UK and
Dr. Gianluca Ferraro, University of Leuven, Belgium

◆ Freshwater-to-Oceans and Preparations for the Fifth World Water Forum
Dr. Torkil Jonch-Clausen, Danish Hydraulic Institute and Global Water Partnership (Chair)
Mr. Tom Laughlin, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Dr. Gonzalo Cid, International Program Office, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Huan, Acting Director of National Steering Committee Office for Marine Resources and Environment Survey and Management
Mr. Andrew Hudson, UNDP
Dr. J. Sundaresan, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India

◆ Enhancing UN Coherence: Global Regional Assessment of Marine Environments, UN-Oceans, and One UN Pilot Programme
Dr. Stefano Belfiore, IOC/UNESCO (Chair)
Mr. Koos Neefjes, UNDP Vietnam
Ms. Melissa Schliebs, UNESCO Vietnam

◆ Next Steps in Assessing Progress in Halting Biodiversity Loss by 2010
Dr. Jihyun Lee, Environmental Affairs Officer, Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat
Prof. Dr. Do Van Khuong, Director of Research Institute of Marine Fisheries, Vietnam

◆ Compliance and Enforcement
Ms. Maria Fuensanta Candela Castillo, European Commission and Mr. Carl Bruch, Environmental Law Institute (Co-Chairs)

◆ Capacity Building
Dr. Indumathie Hewawasam, World Bank Consultant (Chair)
Dr. Fazal Ali, University Consortium of Small Island States
Mr. Takashi Ito, The Nippon Foundation, Japan
Dr. Joeli Veitayaki, University of South Pacific
Professor Dr. Mai Trong Nhuan, President, National University, Hanoi
Mr. Ali Mohamed, NEPAD, Kenya

◆ Public Education and Outreach
Mr. Philippe Vallette and Mr. Manuel Cira, NAUSICAA and World Ocean Network
Mr. Peter Neill, World Ocean Observatory
Dr. Anthony Ribbink, Sustainable Seas Trust, South Africa
Dr. Vu Van Trieu, Country Representative, IUCN Vietnam
Prof. Dr. Nguyen Hoang Tri, Director of Center for Environmental Research and Education

6:00–7:00PM
RECEPTION (Sponsored by the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA))

- PEMSEA Events
  - Opening Message, Mr. Stephen Adrian Ross, Acting Regional Director, PEMSEA
  - Presentation of EAS Congress 2009 Video
  - Launching of Book on Securing the Oceans: Introduction and Messages from the Authors, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng and Dr. Gunnar Kullenberg

- Poster Presentations (during the poster presentations, participants will have the opportunity to express their opinions on Halong Bay as a nominee for the New Seven Wonders of Nature)

- Launching of the Young Professional Ocean Leaders Network

- Launching of the Public Education Information Packet

- Announcement: World Ocean Day

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Morning

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Miriam Balgos, Program Coordinator, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands

8:00–9:00AM
Announcements and Instructions on Field Trip to Halong Bay

PLENARY PANEL 6.
GOVERNANCE OF MARINE AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION

9:00-9:10AM
Co-Chairs: Ms. Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, UNDOALOS
Ambassador Mary Seet-Cheng, Ambassador of Singapore to the Republic of Panama and to Cuba
Dr. Hoang Ngoc Giao, School of Law, National University, Hanoi

9:10–9:25AM
Report of the Working Group on Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, Dr. Salvatore Arico, UNESCO and Mr. Sivu Maqungo, South Africa

9:25-9:35AM
KEYNOTE: Integrated Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction: Perspectives from France, Mr. Laurent Stefanini, Ambassador for the Environment, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France

9:35–9:45AM
Moving Toward Integrated Governance of Marine Areas Beyond
National Jurisdiction, Dr. David Freestone, The World Bank

9:45-9:55AM Industry Perspectives on Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, Mr. Mick Green, International Cable Protection Committee

9:55-10:05AM Developing Country Perspectives on Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, Mr. Sivu Maqungo, South Africa

10:05-10:15AM European Perspectives on Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, Ms. Maria Fuensanta Candela Castillo, European Commission

10:15-10:25AM Opportunities for Enhancing Integrated Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, Ms. Lorraine Ridgeway, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada

10:25-10:35AM Opportunities for Enhancing Integrated Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction: Regional Perspectives, Dr. David Johnson, OSPAR

10:35-10:50AM Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Johannes Nieuwenhuis, Marine Policy Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Netherlands

10:50-11:00AM Coffee/Tea Break

PLENARY OVERARCHING CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

11:00-11:10AM Co-Chairs: Dr. Anna Tengberg, UNDP, Bangkok


11:20-11:30AM Progress Markers, Mr. Ralph Cantral, National Ocean Service, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

11:30-11:40AM Compliance and Enforcement, Ms. Maria Fuensanta Candela Castillo, European Commission, and Mr. Carl Bruch, Environmental Law Institute

11:40-11:50AM Long-Term Media Strategy to Advance the Global Oceans Agenda, Mr. Philippe Vallette, NAUSICAA and World Ocean Network

11:50-12:00 Noon Capacity Building on Global Ocean Governance: The Nippon Foundation Initiatives, Mr. Takashi Ito, The Nippon Foundation, Japan

12:00-12:30PM Discussion

12:30-1:30PM Lunch
Afternoon

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Julian Barbiere, Programme Specialist, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO

CONFERECE REPORTS

1:30–1:45 PM  Oceans, Climate, and Small Island Developing States
1:45–2:00 PM  Ecosystem Management and Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management
2:00–2:15 PM  Fisheries and Aquaculture: Sustainability and Governance
2:15–2:30 PM  Halting Loss of Biodiversity and Establishing Representative Networks of Marine Protected Areas
2:30–2:45 PM  Oceans, Climate and Security
2:45–3:00 PM  Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi, VIFEP, Vietnam Government Conference Focal Point

3:00–3:15 PM  Overarching Cross-cutting Issues
3:15–3:45 PM  Discussion
3:45–4:00 PM  Coffee/Tea Break

Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Janot-Reine Mendler de Suarez, GEF IW:LEARN

4:00–5:00 PM  CLOSING CEREMONY

Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, Co-Chair and Head of Secretariat, Global Forum, and Director, Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware (Conference Co-Chair)
Vice-Minister Nguyen Viet Thang, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam
Mrs. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa
Dr. Veerle Vandeweerd, UNDP and Co-Chair, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands
Dr. Torkil Jonch-Clausen, Danish Hydrological Institute and Global Water Partnership
Mr. Sinyo Harry Sarundajang, Governor, North Sulawesi Province, Indonesia

Call for Action: Challenge to Conference Participants,
Ms. Lorraine Ridgeway, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada, and Co-Chair, UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

6:00 PM  Field Trip to Halong Bay
Departure for Halong Bay (Overnight)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 AM  Boat Tour of Halong Bay
4:00 PM  Departure for Hanoi
Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands--Strategic Oceans Planning to 2016

The Global forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands has undertaken a strategic planning effort for the period 2006-2016 to develop policy recommendations for specific next steps needed to advance the global oceans agenda aimed at governments, UN agencies, NGOs, industry, and scientific groups. To this effect, Working Groups have been organized around 13 major topic areas related to the global oceans commitments made at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development and to emerging issues facing the global oceans community.

The Working Groups have been organized and coordinated by the Global Forum Secretariat, under the direction of Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, Co-Chair and Head of Secretariat, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, and involving the following staff from the Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware: Miriam Balgos, Kateryna Wowk, Caitlin Snyder, Shelby Hockenberry, and Kathleen McCole.

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