

July 4, 2007 Policy Day

Marine Protected Areas

5 years since Johannesburg - Integrating social needs into policy

Rationale

The World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg in 2002 put marine restoration and protection on the international agenda. Participants in this event agreed to establish a network of Marine Protected Areas (MPA), covering fifteen percent of the world's oceans, by 2015. Now that we are five years down the road, the first evaluation of the progress made is called for.

MPAs are established for the conservation of biodiversity and the restoration of marine ecosystems. They do so by imposing limits on human activities. From the viewpoint of the international agenda this is a necessary step. The people living in the surroundings, however, do not always share the same view. For them, MPAs frequently present a nuisance that limits their mobility and deprive them of livelihoods. Faced with these reservations, MPA managers have taken steps to include social concerns in their planning, albeit with variable success.

This policy day focuses on the social dimensions of MPA governance in a global perspective. It aims to gather an international audience of policymakers, academics, and civil society groups, for a cutting edge debate on topics relevant to North and South. The timing is pertinent also for the European and Dutch MPA policy agendas, which are in a formative phase.

Policy day statements highlighting key issues will be formatted into a policy brief, to be distributed to all participants.



The policy day precedes and feeds into the MARE People and the Sea Conference IV (5-7 July, 2007), entitled *Who owns the coast?* See www.marecentre.nl for more information on this event.

Ecost/CEMARE (www.ecostproject.org) is the co-organizer of this policy day, which is one in a series.

Practical matters

Date	Wednesday, July 4, 2007
Venue	University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Registration	Registration will be possible online from the end of April Registration fee including lunch and refreshments € 100,- Participants of the MARE Conference pay a reduced fee of € 50,-
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Programme

Chairperson: Professor Ratana Chuenpagdee, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

Morning session: presentations

08.30	–	09.00 a.m.	Registration and coffee
09.00	–	09.25 a.m.	Opening
09.25	–	09.50 a.m.	State of the art on MPAs: Five years on Dr. Patricio Bernal (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission)
09.50	–	10.15 a.m.	MPAs: a view from below Mr. V. Vivekanandan (South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies)
10.15	–	10.45 a.m.	Coffee break
10.45	–	11.10 a.m.	Coherence and collaboration in MPA governance Dr. Pierre Failler (CEMARE, University of Portsmouth, UK)
11.10	–	11.35 a.m.	The European window on MPAs and their social dimensions (speaker to be announced)
11.35	–	12.00 p.m.	The Dutch Wadden Sea: an MPA with decreasing social concerns? Prof. Wim Wolff (Groningen University)
12.00	–	01.30 p.m.	Lunch

Afternoon session: workshops and forum

01.30	–	03.00 p.m.	Workshops on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improving the social legitimacy of MPAs- Improving institutional coherence and collaboration- Spatial planning for MPAs- Social directives for MPA policy- MPAs in the Philippines: a success story
03.00	–	03.30 p.m.	Tea break
03.30	–	05.00 p.m.	Forum discussion on accomplishments since the Johannesburg Declaration and the way to better integrate social needs in MPA policy, in North and South

