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Introduction Annual Report

It is our pleasure to present the second biennial report of the Centre for Maritime Research (MARE). During the 2010-2011 reporting period, the MARE network was based at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Amsterdam (AISSR/GID) and at the Social Science Department of Wageningen University (RDS, ENP and LAW). We are very happy to announce that two new partners will extend the network from May 2012: the Norwegian College of Fisheries Science, University of Tromsø, Norway and Innovative Fisheries Management (IFM), University of Aalborg, Denmark. The extension of the MARE network with these partners is a logical consequence of the collaboration between the four institutional partners in Maritime Studies (MAST). In January 2011, the Universities of Tromsø, Aalborg, Amsterdam and Wageningen signed a Memorandum of Understanding for institutional support to *Maritime Studies* for a transition period of five years (2012-2016), to take the journal through to open access publishing with SpringerOpen.

In this annual report 2010-2011 we give an overview of the MARE network, the researchers involved, and its core activities. One of the main accomplishments in the past period is the organization of the sixth international *People and the Sea* Conference, entitled ‘Bridging science and policy for sustainable coasts and seas.’ The conference took place in Amsterdam July 6-9, 2011, and was preceded by a Policy day about EU Marine Spatial Planning co-organized by the Centre for Marine Policy (CMP) in Leeuwarden. The themes of the MARE conferences attract a core of senior social sciences marine researchers, as well as an increasing number of PhD students and young researchers from universities, policy centres, and research and higher education institutes from all over the world. One hundred thirty people participated in the 2011 Conference and around 30 at the policy day. Participants considered both the policy day and the conference very successful.

Maarten Bavinck and Jan van Tatenhove
MARE Executive Committee

MARE Organisation

MARE is a global network organisation linking social-science researchers studying the relation between people and the sea. By organising biennial conferences, and publishing the journal MAST and the MARE Publication Series, MARE provides a platform for the exchange of knowledge in this field. In this annual report we report on the activities undertaken by MARE and introduce the people contributing actively to these products.

MARE was established in 2001 by the University of Amsterdam together with the Netherlands Institute for Social Science Research (SISWO). During the reporting period 2010-2011 it was supported by the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR-Governance for Inclusive Development Group) of the University of Amsterdam and the Social Sciences Department of Wageningen University (Chair Groups Environmental Policy, Rural Development Sociology, and Law and Governance).

The Board of MARE consists of representatives of the supporting institutes. The members of the Board are:

- Prof. Dr. I.S.A. Baud (University of Amsterdam)
- Dr. Ir. L. van Hoof (Wageningen University)

MARE as a network organisation consists of three institutional pillars:

(1) The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, which consists of Dr. M. Bavinck (co-director), Prof. Dr. J. van Tatenhove (co-director, since October 1, 2011), Prof. Dr. L.E. Visser (Chair – until July 1, 2011) and Dr. Marloes Kraan (secretary, since October 1, 2011). The Executive Committee is in charge of day-to-day management (see annex 1).

(2) The Journal Maritime Studies (MAST) and the MARE Publication Series

Maritime Studies

After two years of negotiations *Maritime Studies* is now being published as an open access journal with SpringerOpen. The transition to open access publishing is supported by the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam, the Environmental Policy Group at Wageningen University, the College of Fisheries Science University of Tromsø and IFM at the University of Aalborg.

As part of the transition to SpringerOpen the journal has restructured the editorial board (see annex 2). The editorial team were joined in 2011 by Svein Jentoft as Editor-in-Chief and Doug Wilson as an Associate Chief Editor. In addition the international advisory board has been expanded to include 22 members. Their inclusion in the board has expanded the international scope and further contributed to the already strong reputation of the journal. The editorial team continues to be supported by Silke Hoppe who has overseen the transition process and will continue to steer the editorial team in the daily management of the journal.

Submissions for the journal have responded well to the new format and the editorial board hopes to reach the target of 32 papers published a year by the end of 2013. To make the journal a more attractive place to publish an application for ISI ranking has been submitted and the journal is also in the process of being registered with Scopus.

All papers are available at www.maritimestudiesjournal.com

MARE Publication Series

Having published five volumes with Amsterdam University Press in the period 2003 to 2009, the MARE Publication Series has now transferred to Springer Publishers. The benefits of this transfer are several:

- We no longer require authors to contribute to the production costs of their publication;
- Edited volumes can also be purchased by chapter;
- We benefit from Springer's reputation, and its publishing and marketing expertise.

The first four volumes with Springer are in the pipeline and shall be published shortly. The average price of publications is ninety Euros.

(3) The MARE People and the Sea Conferences

MARE held its sixth international conference entitled *People and the Sea VI: Bridging Science and Policy for Sustainable Coasts and Seas* from 6 to 9 July 2011, making use of the facilities provided by the Roeterseiland Complex of the University of Amsterdam. There were 130 participants of whom 66 % came from Europe, 21 % from North and South America, 5 % from Asia and 9 % from the rest of the world. The participants had a variety of social science backgrounds, and this year too quite a large number of PhD students were able to participate. In order to reduce the number of parallel sessions, MARE decided to extend the conference from three to four days duration.

The conference was sponsored by Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen (KNAW), the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), CERES Research School for Resource Studies for Development, Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA), African Studies Centre (ASC), International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), City Council Amsterdam, University of Amsterdam and Wageningen University.

The scientific conference committee consisted of: Sarah Coulthard; Simon Bush; Maarten Bavinck; Fabio de Castro; John Kleinen, and Dik Roth (see annex 3).

Willeke Adriaanse played an important role as conference organizer. Eva-Maria van Straaten organized the policy day.

Dr. Haitze Siemers of the European Commission, replaced the Commissioner, Ms. Maria Damanaki (who was suddenly prevented from attending), as opening speaker. The band *4 Tuoze Matroze* enlivened the ceremony with traditional Dutch sailor songs.

The conference boasted four prominent keynote speakers, one on each day:

- Professor James R. McGoodwin (University of Colorado, USA) and author of the early volume *World crisis in fishing*, gave a presentation entitled '*The world's fisheries: yesterday, today and tomorrow*';
- Professor Ussif Rashid Sumaila (director Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia, Canada) presented a keynote entitled '*How to make the fisheries of West Africa benefit the people*';
- Professor Guifang (Julia) Xue (Ocean University, China) spoke on '*Laws and Regulations of China regarding Coastal Zone Management*'; and
- Professor Megan Caldwell (Stanford University, USA) presented a keynote titled '*Talking Stock of Marine Spatial Planning Around the World: Major Challenges, Themes, and Breakthroughs*'.

The conference had ten panel slots with in total 42 sessions, which allowed for the presentation of approximately 110 papers. These were divided over five themes:

- Maritime life worlds and culture
- Negotiating policies for marine resource use
- Coastal shocks, disasters, and recovery
- Contrasting approaches and tools, and
- Fisher wellbeing and sustainable fisheries

The cross-cutting theme of the conference was 'marine spatial planning', a topic which connected well with the policy day (see section 2.2 below).

(4) Policy Day

The international MARE People and the Sea Conference V was preceded by a policy day on the topic 'Marine spatial planning on the boundary between policy and science'. The policy day was organized by MARE in cooperation with the Centre for Marine Policy (CMP) in Leeuwarden. During the morning session keynotes lectures were presented by:

- Dr Haitze Siemers (EU DGMARE): Policy issues of marine spatial planning;
- Prof Johan Woltjer (RUG): International Coastal Zones: Functions, Vulnerability and Spatial Planning;
- Dhr Pim Visser (VisNED): Fishing on a Postage Stamp; spatial planning in the North Sea, a fisheries point of view;
- Dr Euann Dunn (Birdlife International, chair of the North Sea RAC): Cross-border issues between EU Member States in the Southern North Sea;
- Prof Meg Caldwell (Centre for Ocean Solutions, Stanford University): Experiences with MSP outside the EU; and
- Dr Nyawira Muthiga (Kenya Wildlife Service): Marine protected areas and spatial planning in East Africa.

The afternoon session was spent in working groups, the members of which finally joined for a plenary discussion under chairperson prof dr Isa Baud (UvA). Fifty people attended this policy day. According to the written evaluation which was conducted, participants felt that the

policy day had broadened their knowledge and understanding of marine spatial planning and its possibilities.

Annex 1 Executive Committee MARE

Maarten Bavinck (PhD 1998) is involved in research on legal pluralism, governance and conflict in coastal fisheries, with a focus on South Asia. He is associate professor in the Department of Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies at the University of Amsterdam.

Leontine Visser (PhD 1984) holds the chair of Rural Development Sociology at Wageningen University. She carries out research and teaches in the areas of natural resource use, governance, and livelihood studies particularly with regard to coastal areas, and watersheds. Her regional specialisation is Southeast Asia, in particular Indonesia.

Jan van Tatenhove (PhD 1993) is a special professor Marine Governance in the Environmental Policy group at Wageningen University. His research focuses on EU marine governance, especially issues of legitimacy and accountability and the design of innovative marine governance arrangements (<http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Persons.htm?dbid=1138&typeofpage=400320>).

Marloes Kraan (PhD 2009) is an anthropologist and social geographer in the field of fisheries. Her PhD provides a detailed empirical description and analysis of the Anlo-Ewe beach seine fishery in Ghana. She is researcher at IMARES, part of WUR, where she focusses on marine governance issues. She is an associate researcher at the Centre for Maritime Research (MARE) in Amsterdam.

Annex 2: Editorial Board of MAST

Svein Jentoft (Dr. Philos 1985) is a professor in sociology at the Norwegian College of Fishery Science, University of Tromsø, Norway. His interests are primarily within fisheries and marine governance, indigenous peoples, small-scale fisheries organization and community development.

Maarten Bavinck (PhD 1998) is involved in research on legal pluralism, governance and conflict in coastal fisheries, with a focus on South Asia. He is associate professor in the Department of Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies at the University of Amsterdam.

Ben Blount (PhD 1969) is an anthropologist who retired from the University of Georgia in 2004 and the University of Texas San Antonio in 2008. He started his own consulting firm, SocioEcological Informatics in 2008. His specializations include human ecology, cognition and local knowledge systems, and fishing communities on the South Atlantic coast of the US and the Gulf coasts of the US and Mexico. He serves as a Chief Associate Editor of MAST.

Simon Bush (PhD 2004) is a lecturer in the Environmental Policy Group at Wageningen University. His research focuses on the implications of global and regional fisheries and aquaculture governance arrangements on coastal communities in Southeast Asia.

Fabio de Castro (PhD 2000) is an environmental scientist, with interest in co-management, protected areas and environmental governance in Latin America. He is assistant professor at the Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA).

Derek Johnson (PhD 2002) is an Associate Professor of socio-cultural anthropology in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Manitoba, Canada. Derek was formerly a post-doctoral fellow at MARE from 2002-2006. His research is on small-scale fisheries in South Asia and Canada, with a particular focus on the marine fisheries of Gujarat state, India. Derek continues to be active on the editorial board of Maritime Studies.

Sarah Southwold-Llewellyn (D.Phil. 1987) is an economic/development anthropologist. Her current research is on non-state and state management of resources affecting fisheries in East Godavari District, AP, India. Her previous areas of academic research were: the management of alpine forests and pastures by agro-pastoralists in Shangla District, KPK, Pakistan; and credit as a trading and livelihood strategy in a rural Sri Lankan community. She was an Assistant Professor, Rural Development Sociology, Wageningen University until her retirement in June, 2011. From 2005-2011, she was on the Editorial Board of MAST.

Jan van Tatenhove (PhD 1993) is a special professor Marine Governance in the Environmental Policy group at Wageningen University. His research focuses on EU marine governance, especially issues of legitimacy and accountability and the design of innovative marine governance arrangements.

Cornelie Quist (MA 1989) is an independent consultant with a background in small scale fisheries (inland and marine) and community based coastal resource management. She also has been involved in various research studies on gender concerns/women's role in fisheries. At present she is affiliated as a fishery management adviser to the Netherlands Association of Professional Inland Fishers. She is also a full (founding) member of the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers since 1986. Cornelie is an editor of the Journal of Maritime Studies/MAST since 2001.

Silke Hoppe (MSc 2009) graduated in cultural anthropology and works since September 2011 for MARE as the editorial manager for Maritime Studies.

Annex 3 Scientific committee MARE Conference

Sarah Coulthard (PhD 2005) is a senior lecturer in International Development at Northumbria University, UK. Sarah Coulthard worked at MARE as a postdoc between 2006-2008, where she coordinated research activities of the Coastal Lowlands research consortium. Sarah continues to be active within MARE and sits on the board of Maritime Studies and of the MARE conference. Her research revolves around issues of poverty, wellbeing and fisheries working in South Asia and parts of Africa.

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Fabio de Castro (PhD 2000) is an environmental scientist, with interest in co-management, protected areas and environmental governance in Latin America. He is assistant professor at the Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA).

John Kleinen (PhD 1988) is specialised in Southeast Asian studies. He was involved in a long-term research program on coastal zones in Vietnam. He is an associate professor at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the UvA.

Dik Roth (PhD *cum laude* 2003) is interested in the role of law, legal complexity and property rights in (development) policies and interventions, and in natural resources governance and management, with a specific focus on land and water rights. He is assistant professor with the chairgroup of Rural Development Sociology at Wageningen University.

Eva-Maria van Straaten (MA 2011) worked at MARE until August 2011, when she moved to Germany in pursuit of a PhD in cultural musicology. At MARE, she was the editorial manager of MAST and assisted in the organization of the 2011 MARE conference and the 2011 MARE policy day.

Willeke Adriaanse (MA) temporarily joined MARE in 2010. Her role was to organize the 2011 People and the Sea conference and policy day in Amsterdam.