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Introduction Annual Report

It is our pleasure to present the third biennial report of the Centre for Maritime Research (MARE). During the 2012-2013 reporting period, the MARE network was based at the Governance and Inclusive Development (GID) group of the University of Amsterdam (AISSR/GID) and at the Environmental Policy Group (ENP) of Wageningen University (SSG). Our previous report mentioned the extension of the network with the Norwegian College of Fisheries Science, University of Tromsø, Norway and Innovative Fisheries Management (IFM), University of Aalborg, Denmark, which commenced with MARE's journal *Maritime Studies (MAST)*. This collaborative effort coincided with the transition of MAST from Eburon to Springer and its inception as an open access journal. A formal, full collaboration of the four institutes in MARE was expected in June 2012, but has been delayed for reasons not of substance but of administration. The text of the Memorandum of Agreement has been sanctioned by the MARE Board, but has not yet been passed by all the partners. This is now expected to be finalized in July 2014.

In this annual report 2012-2013 we give an overview of the MARE network, the researchers involved, and its core activities. Besides the re-launch of MAST, which has been an exciting venture in itself, one of the main accomplishments in the past period is the organization of the seventh international *People and the Sea* Conference, entitled 'Maritime Futures'. The conference took place in Amsterdam June 26-28, 2013, and was preceded by a Policy day about 'Giving Small-Scale Fisheries a Place: Knowledge and Governance Challenges.' The latter was organized in collaboration with the GAP2 project and the Too Big to Ignore network.

Maarten Bavinck and Jan van Tatenhove
MARE Directors

MARE Organisation

MARE is a global network organisation linking social-science researchers studying the relation between people and the sea. By organising biennial conferences, publishing the journal *Maritime Studies* (MAST) and realizing a 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). It subsequently became an initiative of the University of Amsterdam and Wageningen University. The intention is now to broaden the network to include the University of Tromsø (Norwegian College of Fisheries) and the University of Aalborg (Innovative Fisheries Management). The collaboration between these four university institutes has been pioneered with regard to the journal *Maritime Studies* (see below). A more general collaboration has been approved by the MARE Board, and is in the making.

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 (IMARES, WageningenUR)

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) and Dr. Marloes Kraan (secretary). 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 an open access journal with SpringerOpen. The transition to open access publishing is supported by the Governance and Inclusive Development group at the University of Amsterdam, the Environmental Policy Group at Wageningen University, the Norwegian College of Fisheries Science University of Tromsø and Innovative Fisheries Management 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 is led by Svein Jentoft as Editor-in-Chief. Simon Bush acted as managing editor from July 1 to December 1, 2013, with Derek Johnson taking over thereafter. The editorial team suffered a loss with the passing away of Doug Wilson (December 2013), and the retirement of Sarah Southwold. The international advisory board now includes 21 members. The editorial team is assisted by Silke Hoppe (until June 2013)

and Phil van der Krogt (from July 2013) who will continue to support the editorial team in the daily management of the journal.

Submissions for the journal have responded well to the new format. During 2012-2013 *Maritime Studies* published 27 articles in a consistent schedule, with a small surge in submissions toward the end of the year. This is slightly less than the target of 32 papers. To make the journal a more attractive place to publish an application for ISI ranking has been submitted. The journal is now already registered with Scopus.

Current issues are available at www.maritimestudiesjournal.com. Earlier articles (time period 1988-2012) are available on the MARE website.

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. Two volumes were realized in 2013:

- Bavinck, M., R. Chuenpagdee, S. Jentoft and J. Kooiman (2013). *Governability of fisheries: concepts and approaches*. Volume 7. Dordrecht: Springer.
From the back cover: "Following in the footsteps of the book *Fish for Life – Interactive Governance for Fisheries* (Kooiman et al., 2005), and the interdisciplinary approach it presents, this volume illustrates the contribution of interactive governance theory to understanding core fisheries and aquaculture challenges."
- Urquhart, J., T.G. Acott, D. Symes, and M. Zhao (eds.) (2013). *Social Issues in Sustainable Fisheries Management*. Volume 9. Dordrecht: Springer.
From the back cover: "This volume is an interdisciplinary mix of perspectives and studies on social issues in fisheries from a diverse range of case studies and research disciplines."

The Series is becoming more known, and there are now eight new volumes in different stages of publication.

(3) The MARE People and the Sea Conferences

MARE held its seventh international conference entitled *People and the Sea VII: Maritime Futures* from 26 to 28 June 2013. Almost 200 scientists with various social scientific backgrounds participated at the conference. A significant number of PhD students was able to participate.

Professor Edward de Haan, dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences (UvA) opened the conference in the Lutherse Kerk (Aula). During the opening ceremony, chaired by professor Joyeeta Gupta (UvA), the MARE public award was awarded to professor Joost Schokkenbroek, who represented the Amsterdam Maritime Museum.

The panel sessions included 178 papers, organised according to five conference themes:

1. Knowledge Production
2. Marine Governance
3. Maritime Regions
4. Coastal shocks, disaster and recovery
5. Fisher wellbeing, human rights and shifting vulnerabilities

During the coffee, tea and lunch breaks poster presentations, book presentations and a photo exhibition took place.

Keynote speeches were delivered on each of the conference days. At the opening ceremony, Rolf Willmann (FAO, Rome) gave a keynote titled: ‘A human rights-based approach in small-scale fisheries - a quest for development as freedom’. The second day Dr. Moenieba Isaacs (University of Western Cape, South-Africa) spoke on: ‘Small-scale fisheries governance and the limitations of expanding access using individual fishing quotas – the case of South African fishing sector’. Dr. Kevin St. Martin (Rutgers University, USA) closed the conference with a keynote speech on ‘Marine Spatial Planning and the Fate of Communities’. The conference dinner took place in the setting of the Dominicus church. During the dinner the best student paper and the oeuvre award (which went to Rolf Willmann) were handed out. Maarten Bavinck received an award for his strong and passionate commitment to MARE.

The scientific conference committee consisted of: Jan van Tatenhove (chair), Maarten Bavinck, Marloes Kraan, Sarah Coulthard, Svein Jentoft, Derek Johnson, Iris Monnereau and Douglas Wilson. The core committee was formed by Jan van Tatenhove, Marloes Kraan, Maarten Bavinck and Silke Hoppe. (see annex 3). Silke Hoppe was the conference organizer; Eva Filippi organized the policy day.

Because of the unexpectedly large number of participants, the conference was funded mainly from the participants’ fees. The Social Science Department of Wageningen University, the University of Tromso and, CERES Research School for Resource Studies for Development provided additional funding.

4) Policy day

The conference was preceded by a policy day on the topic ‘Giving Small-Scale Fisheries a Place: Knowledge and Governance Challenges’. The policy day was organized by MARE in cooperation with the GAP2 project (www.gap2.eu) and the Too Big to Ignore project/network (<http://toobigtoignore.net/>). The morning session included keynote lectures by:

- Dr David Symes (University of Newcastle)
- Dr Steve Mackinson (CEFAS/GAP2 project)
- Mr Jaap Vegter (Stichting Geïntegreerde Visserij)
- Dr Ratana Chuenpagdee (Memorial University/TBTI)

The afternoon session was spent in five breakout groups discussing the following topics:

- How to encourage youth participation in SSF?
- How to improve the position of women in SSF?
- How to make the rights-based approach work for SSF?
- How to improve the market shares for SSF?
- How to sustain SSF communities and their cultural heritage?

The closing session formulated recommendations for policy and further research.

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.

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 human 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, where she focusses on marine governance issues. Marloes is an associate researcher at MARE.

Annex 2: Editorial Board of MAST (2012-2013)

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.

John Kleinen (PhD 1988) is associate professor emeritus in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology of the University of Amsterdam. He specializes in visual anthropology and in Vietnamese studies, and has also realized publications on marine piracy.

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.

Doug Wilson (PhD 1996) is special professor in fisheries at Aalborg University, Denmark, leaving a strong mark in fields such as the sociology of knowledge. To our regret, Doug passed away in December 2013.

Silke Hoppe (MSc 2009) graduated in cultural anthropology and works as editorial manager for Maritime Studies (until June 2013).

Phil van der Krogt (MA 2012) graduated in international development studies on a thesis analysing the line fishery of South Africa. He joined as editorial manager for Maritime Studies (since July 2013).

Annex 3 Scientific committee MARE Conference

Chair: 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.

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.

Sarah Coulthard (PhD 2005) is a senior lecturer in International Development at Northumbria University, UK. Her research revolves around issues of poverty, wellbeing and fisheries working in South Asia and parts of Africa. She is an associate researcher at MARE.

Derek Johnson (PhD 2002) is an associate professor of socio-cultural anthropology in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Manitoba, Canada. His research is on small-scale fisheries in South Asia and Canada, with a particular focus on the marine fisheries of Gujarat state, India.

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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 emeritus at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the UvA.

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Iris Monnereau (PhD 2012) is an anthropologist and human geographer presently based at the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) of the University of the West Indies. Her specialization is the lobster fisheries of the Caribbean. She is an associate researcher at MARE.