

## PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

<p><b>Name of the Partnership/Initiative</b> Comprehensive Environmental Assessment for the Asian Coastal Zone (CEACOZ)</p> <p><b>Expected date of initiation:</b> 2002 <b>Expected date of completion:</b> 2005 (first assessment)</p>
<p><b>Partners Involved:</b></p> <p>Governments: Countries in Asia-Pacific region</p> <p>Intergovernmental organizations: Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)</p> <p>Major groups: Center for Water Environment Studies, Ibaragi University (Japan), Faculty of Bioresources, Mie University (Japan), Institute Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University (Japan), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (Japan), Kasetsart University (Thailand), University of the Philippines (The Philippines), Beijing Normal University (China), Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), Korea-China Joint Ocean Reseach Center (Korea)</p> <p><i>Leading Partner:</i> Name of the contact person/focal point: Mr. Eiji Ishihara, Director of Secretariat, International Center for the Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas (EMECS) Address: IHD Bldg. 5-1 Wakinohama-kaigandori 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Kobe 651-0073, Japan Phone: +81-78-252-0234 Fax: +81-78-252-0404 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ishihara@emecs.or.jp">ishihara@emecs.or.jp</a></p>
<p><b>Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative</b></p> <p>The main objectives of the CEACOZ include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To identify major trends of environmental changes in Asian coastal zone, such as driving forces, conditions, and response to strategies and measures,</li><li>• To establish scientific knowledge base for policy formulation and decision making toward sustainable development in Asia, and</li><li>• To create a common platform for scientists, policy makers, NGOs and business enterprises so as to promote dialogues on coastal zone management to develop constructive and cooperative linkages among all of the stakeholders in this region, making full use of a series of the International Conference on the Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas (EMECS).</li></ul>
<p><b>Expected results:</b></p> <p>Expected results include the development of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A set of database on state of environment and related social activities in Asian coastal zone,</li><li>• A comprehensive environmental assessment report including state of environment, analysis of the trend, future directions and suggested policy responses, and</li></ul> <p>A mechanism of dialogue among all of the stakeholders on Asian coastal zone management.</p>

**Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:**

Specific target of CEACOOZ is as follows:

- 2001: basic design of the database of Asian coastal zone taking into account relevant database in other part of the world and compatibility with them,
- 2002:
  - Design workshop of CEACOOZ and identification of lead authors and collaborators, then drafting the assessment report
  - Construction of database
- 2003: Draft assessment report will be presented and discussed among all of the stakeholders at EMECS 2003 in Thailand.
- 2004: The draft will be reviewed by the expert team.
- 2005: The first assessment report will be published.
- The report will be fully utilized by ESCAP, ADB and UNEP for their assessment activities such as ESCAP State of the Environment Report, Asian Development Outlook and Global Environment Outlook, and Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

**Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

- Under the Organizing Committee of EMECS conference, a task force of CEACOOZ will be established attended by leading scientists, policy makers and other stakeholders.
- The task force will identify lead authors and collaborators for drafting.
- The draft will be reviewed by expert team.
- The draft will be presented and discussed by representative of the stakeholders participating in EMECS conference.

**Arrangements for funding**

- Ministry of the Environment of Japan will provide a fund for establishing database
- Hyogo Prefectural Government of Japan will provide administration and other costs
- Private funding organizations will also provide some assistances

**Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer**

- Capacity building is essential for the implementation of CEACOOZ because most of the countries in Asia are from developing world. Participating scientists and institutes will have an opportunity to get latest methodologies for data collection, modeling and analysis on coastal zone management.
- Technology transfer between developing countries is highly encouraged in CEACOOZ based on the recent development of scientific capacity in developing countries in Asia in addition to current technology transfer from developed countries to developing countries.

**Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)**

- ESCAP has been publishing the State of Environment in Asia and the Pacific every five years on the occasion of Ministerial level conference on environmentally sustainable development and Asian Development Bank has also be publishing development outlook

report in the same year. The output from CEACUZ will provide scientific knowledge particular in coastal zone management to drafting these comprehensive assessment report for sustainable development in Asia-Pacific region.

**Monitoring Arrangements**

- The progress of CEACUZ will be monitored by the task force under the EMECS organizing committee and reported to EMECS conference which will be held every two years.

**Other relevant information:**

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