



Coastal Day on 12 November Proposed



Coastal Area Resource Development and Management Association (CARDMA) and Center for Water, Environment and Energy jointly organized a workshop on 10 November to commemorate the Great Cyclone of 1970. Water Resources Minister Mr. Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram and DG, WARPO Mr. H. S. Mozaddad Faruque attended as chief guest and special guest, respectively. CARDMA President Mrs. Hasna Moudud chaired the workshop and Dr. M. Rafiqul Islam, Team Leader of ICZMP project was the main speaker. Participants of the workshop proposed 12 November to be declared as Coastal Awareness Day. The Minister assured the participants that the Government would take necessary steps to declare 12 November as Coastal Awareness day.

It may be mentioned that a catastrophic cyclone and tidal surge killed several hundred thousand people and destroyed properties in the coastal zone of the country on 12 November 1970. Since then, people remember this day through various programs.

Contract for Various Activities

Preparation for several activities of the project is at the final stage. A contract was signed on 24 November 2004 between WARPO and CEGIS to start the work of Integrated Coastal Resource Database (ICRD). Besides developing a database, the scope of the work includes a number of studies and publications.

Preparation for stakeholder consultations at various levels in nine coastal districts has been finalized. Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) will carry out this consultation program under the supervision of WARPO.

Selection of a consultant to organize a series of 'Partnership Building' forum meeting at different government organizations and other relevant agencies on the formulation of a coastal development strategy is also at the final stage.



Marine Fisheries Strategy

A workshop on Marine Fisheries Development Strategy, jointly organized by the Empowerment of Coastal Fisherfolk Community for Livelihood Security (ECFC) and the Fourth Fisheries Project, was held at Cox's Bazar on 13-14 December. Officials and representatives from the Department of Fisheries, Chittagong University, Coast Guard, FAO, ICZMP Project, Trawler Owners' Association, BFDC and local Fishers' Associations attended the workshop.

Steering Committee meeting held

First meeting of the inter-ministerial Steering Committee on Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP) project was held on 17 October 2004 at the conference room of the Ministry of Water Resources. Water Resources Minister Mr. Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram chaired the meeting. Director General, WARPO and the Project Director Mr. H. S. Mozaddad Faruque presented the draft coastal zone policy. After threadbare discussion, the committee endorsed the final draft of the Coastal Zone Policy and recommended its submission to the Cabinet for approval.

Discussion on the role of mass media



A discussion on the role of mass media in coastal development was held on 27 September 2004 at the PDO meeting room. Executive Director of Mass-line Media Center Mr. Kamrul Hasan Monju was the main speaker. Among the participants were PDO and WARPO officials and representatives of DWA, IPSWAM, BNNRC, Democracy Watch, SPARRSO and the daily Sangbad.

Sustainable management of marine resources

The Institute of Marine Science (IMS) of the Chittagong University, with support from PDO-ICZMP, organized a workshop on "Management of Marine Resources". The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. A. J. M Nuruddin inaugurated the workshop, while Prof. Zafar Ahmed of the IMS was the moderator. The speakers were Prof. Nuruddin Mahmud of the IMS, Md. Sabir Ahmed of Marine Fisheries Department, Mr. Abu M. Kamal Uddin of PDO-ICZMP and Mr. Md. Ekramullah of WARPO. Participants emphasized on formulating policy and strategy for sustainable harvest and management of marine resources.

Combating Coastal Land degradation

A discussion on the role of the Asia Regional Thematic Programme Network-7: Combating Coastal Land Degradation, initiated by Bangladesh, was held at the PDO meeting room on 9 December. SEMP adviser and environmental expert Mr. Mahiuddin Ahmed was the main speaker. Officials and experts from PDO, WARPO and Dhaka University attended the discussion.

'Partnership Building' with the Forest Department



A workshop on partnership development in ICZM process, jointly organized by the Forest Department (FD) and the PDO-ICZMP, was held at the FD conference room on 6 October 2004. Principal Scientific Officer of WARPO Mr. Md. Hasan Parvez and project Team Leader Dr. M. Rafiqul Islam gave presentations on ICZMP activities, while Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests Mr. Md. Osman Gani briefed about FD



activities in the coastal zone. Chief Conservator of Forests Mr. Md. Anwarul Islam chaired the workshop. Field level officers of FD and officers from BWDB, WARPO, DAE and LGED participated in the workshop. Mr. H. S. M. Faruque, Project Director of ICZMP and Director General of WARPO, attended as chief guest and responded to questions and comments. This workshop has facilitated strengthened partnership.

PDO team visited coastal areas

A team from PDO-ICZMP toured the southwest areas of the coastal zone during 24-29 October. On the first day, they visited the River Research Institute, Faridpur. They observed various physical models and held discussion with the DG, Mr. Ali Akbar Haider and other officers of the institute. On 25th October, the team visited Patuakhali-Barguna Aquaculture Extension Project at Patuakhali. Training & Extension Adviser, Mr. Eric Keus gave a briefing on project activities.



Discussion at River Research Institute

On 27th October, the team held a meeting with Acting Chairman Mr. Ruhul Amin Sheikh and other officers of the Mongla Port Authority and learned about port activities and problems. On the same day, they visited Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change (RVCC) project implemented by CARE Bangladesh and CDP Resource Center in Khulna. On 28th October, the team visited Kochikhali and Katka sanctuaries in Sundarban and observed field operations of forest personnel. The Khulna Division of the Forest Department assisted them. Assistant Conservator of Forests Mr. Shoyaib Khan accompanied the team in Sundarban.



Briefing at Patuakhali-Barguna Aquaculture Extension Project

Guest Column

Linkage between ICZMP and CERP should be expanded

Activities undertaken so far for dissemination of information at the field level and involving the masses by the ICZMP project are praiseworthy. Particularly the news bulletin 'Tatarekha' has established an inspiring precedence for local level officials and people's representatives. I wish success of this initiative.

BWDB, through the Coastal Embankment Rehabilitation Project (CERP), has been implementing a model of protection of coastal resources and employment generation for some decades by involving local people. This experience will be helpful for integrated coastal zone management. Pro-active interactions, existing between these two projects, should be further strengthened. These will lead to co-ordinated development of the coastal zone & welfare of coastal communities.

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Approaches to Gender Mainstreaming

Formulation of approaches for gender mainstreaming as part of the coastal development strategy is ongoing. A discussion to review a draft paper on this was held at the PDO meeting room on 12 December. Representatives from WARPO, LGED, BRDB, CARE Bangladesh, Brottee, BRAC and Step Towards Development attended.



Indicative Land Zoning Completed

A Technical Support Group, representing FD, DoF, SRDI, BARC, LGED, DLRS, WARPO, BWDB & Shrimp Foundation, through an extensive consultation has agreed to delineate 8 indicative land zones. These are shrimp (galda), shrimp (bagda), agriculture, tourism, salt, mangrove, forest, urban and commercial.

This zoning has been done following Land Use Policy (2001) with participation from the Ministry of Land. Based on this indicative zoning, detailed zoning at upazila and village level will be initiated.

National and Regional Consultation on Coastal Development Strategy

One of the key output of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP) Project is to formulate a Coastal Development Strategy. As part of the formulation process, WARPO organized one national and four regional preliminary consultation workshops during October 2004. National workshop was held in Dhaka and regional workshops were held in Barisal, Chittagong, Khulna and Noakhali. Representatives from ministries, government and non-government organizations, donor agencies, local government, academic institutions, research organizations, professional bodies, trade organizations, civil society and mass media participated in those workshops.

In those workshops, a preliminary outline of the Coastal Development Strategy was presented. The participants commented on the outline. Participants also identified priority actions for respective regions. Regional workshops were organized in collaboration with local NGOs. They were AVAS (Barisal), Nabolok (Khulna), NRDS (Noakhali) and CODEC (Chittagong). A brief description of the workshops is presented below.

National Workshop-Dhaka

4 October 2004



Chief Guest – Dr. Md. Omar Faruque Khan, Secretary, MoWR
Chair – Mr. H. S. Mozaddad Faruque, Director General, WARPO

Main recommendations: Undertaking new plans and activities under the ICZM umbrella to facilitate the present development process; assessment and proper utilization of coastal resources; special measures for coastal chars and island development; vulnerability assessment of the coastal people and special measures to reduce them; reduce dependency of coastal people on natural resources; coastal land use plan through inter-departmental coordination; effective application of laws and regulations; etc.

Regional Workshop-Barisal

6 October 2004



Chair – Dr. Abdul Malek, Civil Surgeon, Barisal

Main recommendations: Development of road network, telecommunication and mass communication; agriculture development through irrigation facilities, agriculture inputs and agriculture credit supply; fallow land utilization; protection of farmland from flooding and salinity by embankment construction; improvement of health care services including water and sanitation facilities; ensure education for all through primary, secondary, vocational and mass education programs; reduce land related inter-departmental conflicts; proper utilization of land through char development; etc.

Regional Workshop-Khulna

9 October 2004



Chair – Prof. Abdur Rahman, Khulna University

Main recommendations: Remove water logging in light of TRM experience; integrated water and river management; strengthening pure drinking water supply and sanitation services; environment friendly shrimp farming; alternative employment generation for natural resource dependent communities; coastal afforestation; biodiversity conservation in the Sundarbans; remove water-logging in the Khulna City Corporation area; etc.

Regional Workshop-Noakhali

11 October 2004



Chief Guest – Mr. Maksumul Hakim Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner, Noakhali

Main recommendations: Removing water-logging; distribution of khas land among the landless in the chars; coastal afforestation; establishment of a private port in Noakhali; strengthening of education and health care services; improvement of law and order situation in the chars; tourism facilities development; agriculture development; participatory coastal development programs; safe drinking water supply; land development and management; etc.

Regional Workshop-Chittagong

13 October 2004



Chair – Mr. Abul Momen, Journalist

Main recommendations: Alternative employment for marine fishers; controlled and integrated marine fisheries resources extraction; ship breaking zone with modern pollution management facilities; integrated program of Coast Guard, Police, Bangladesh Navy and other law enforcing agencies to curb sea piracy; strengthening of micro-credit programs of the government; strengthening of women and child health care services; strengthening of local government; etc.

District level consultation is planned in February / March 2005

READERS' CORNER

Translated



On fish and fish farmer

One of the main reasons of poverty in the 19 coastal districts is prolonged drainage congestion on agriculture land. However, fish farmers and extension workers are trying hard for productive exploitation of the water logged area. There are 260 species of fish, 12 species of fresh water prawn and 24 species of shrimp available in this area. Coast News should highlight more on issues of fish and fish farmers.

Masud
Field worker
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More District Level Consultation

I am glad to know that you have taken a praiseworthy initiative to consult people of all 19 coastal districts. I feel, you will be able to formulate strategy for development

of the common people in the coastal zone. I have participated in the district level consultation. I request you to organize more district level workshops on coastal livelihoods. These will provide more information and suggestion for formulation of the coastal development strategy.

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P.O.- Mandari Bazar
Lakshmpur

Cooperation needed

Grameen Samaj Unnayan Kendra is a social welfare organization of Patuakhali district. Presently we are working for the poor people in Dashmina, Baufal and Galachipa upazilas. There is vast char area in this district where fifty thousand landless people live. Economic infrastructure of the area is too weak to support their livelihoods. But they have traditional skills.

Please send us a copy of the 'Living in the Coast – People and the Livelihoods'. With your support, we intend to serve the people of the coast.

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Dashmina, Patuakhali

Continue initiative

Thanks for sending Bulletin No. 11. This is indeed informative and well written. I have also read the UPL publication 'Where Land Meets the Sea-A Profile of the Coastal Zone of Bangladesh'. I congratulate those who put efforts to prepare this information-rich book. I request you to send me copy of the 'Living in the Coast – Problems, Opportunities & Challenges'.

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Guidelines for responsible fisheries

In 1995, FAO prepared a guideline for sustainable management of fish resources. A Bangla version of this 'guideline for responsible fisheries' was published in the form of a training manual in last October by the ECFC project in Cox's Bazar. This will give primary understanding of the issues to coastal fishers, fish traders, trawler owners, grassroots NGO staff and extension field staff of the Department of Fisheries. This bangla version is expected to play important role to raise awareness among coastal fishers and inspire them for sustainable harvesting and management of fish resources.



Information on PDO-ICZMP

Program Development Office-ICZMP is a multi-sectoral and multi-ministerial initiative financed by the governments of Bangladesh, the Netherlands and the UK. An inter-ministerial steering committee and a technical committee guide this initiative. Ministry of Water Resources is its lead ministry and Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO) is the lead agency.

The project's goal is to create conditions in which the reduction of poverty, development of

sustainable livelihoods and the integration of the coastal zone in the national processes can take place. Its intended outputs are:

- * Coastal zone policy
- * Coastal development strategy
- * Priority investment program
- * Enhancing livelihood capacity
- * Enabling institutional environment
- * Integrated knowledge base

We deeply mourn the premature death of Dr. Nuruddin Mahamud, Professor of the Institute of Marine Science, Chittagong University and Focal Point of ICZMP. We pray for eternal peace of his soul.

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