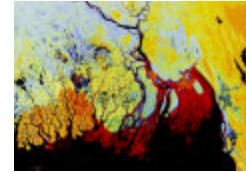


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Round Table Discussion

12 GoB Agencies Discussed Coastal Zone

Inter-Agency Co-ordination Stressed

The Program Development Office (PDO) of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) organized a round-table discussion on March 28, 2001 to discuss the 'status of activities in the coastal zone'. The discussion meeting was attended by representatives of the following 12 GoB agencies :

- Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation
- Local Government Engineering Department
- Department of Livestock Services
- Department of Environment
- Department of Public Health Engineering
- Department of Agricultural Extension
- Bangladesh Water Development Board
- National Conservation Strategy Programme
- Department of Fisheries
- Directorate of Land Records & Surveys
- Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council
- Department of Forests

The Director General of the WARPO, Dr. M. A. Quassem welcomed the participants. Mr. Anne van Urk, Team Leader PDO-ICZM presented the key-note paper on conceptual issues of ICZM in Bangladesh. Each Department made a presentation, which was followed by a detailed discussion. The speakers dealt on issues of marine fisheries, coastal agriculture, livestock, coastal afforestation, agricultural research, coastal environment, biodiversity climatic change, conservation strategies, coastal water management, water supply & sanitation, rural infrastructure, land issues and



coastal tourism. The speakers mentioned that the multiple issues impacting the country's coastal zone require multiple, but integrated, interventions. Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), therefore, requires increased inter-agency coordination and support to resolve the multiple impacts (both actual and potential) on the coastal ecosystem. Dr. M Rafiqul Islam presented concluding remarks and a recommendation of the 'Steps Forward' which include preparation of inventory of projects, formulation of operational 'working group', institutional assessment of departments, vision exercise, organization of thematic meetings and follow-up co-operation mechanism.

The Proceedings of the round-table discussion will be available for distribution in April, 2001.

3rd Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee Meeting Held

The 3rd Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee Meeting of the ICZMP was held, after several postponements, on March 22, 2001. The Secretary of the MOWR, Mr. Azad Ruhul Amin chaired the meeting. The meeting was participated by 25 members representing various agencies. Representatives of the Dutch Embassy attended the meeting. Members of the DFID mission also joined the meeting.



The Team Leader, Mr. Anne van Urk, presented brief outline of the Inception Report, pre-circulated among the members. Although the Inception Report accommodated all the comments received after the 2nd TC meeting, additional comments were made during the discussion. These will be accommodated in subsequent documents prepared by the PDO. The Inception Report, thus, has been accepted. However, because of procedural reasons, the PDO has been requested to submit a separate work plan for the period April-July, 2001.

The Team Leader of the DFID mission, Dr. John Soussan explained objectives of the mission and indicated DFID's willingness to support the PDO-ICZMP.

PDO-ICZM Publications

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management Program, Inception Report; January 2001.
- Coastal Zone Management: An Analysis of Different Policy Documents; February 2001.
- Proceedings of the Round-Table Discussion : Status of Activities in the Coastal Zone (of selected GoB Departments); (to be available in April 2001)
- Inventory of Projects & Initiatives in the Coastal Zone; (in preparation)
- Vision for the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Bangladesh – a draft discussion document; (in preparation)

Copies of these reports have been distributed widely. Additional copies are available by mailing a request to rafiqpdo@bangla.net

DFID, UK Fielded Mission to identify possible 'support to coastal development'

The DFID has fielded a 2-member mission to identify 'DFID support to Coastal Development'. The overall objectives were

- to highlight the implications for the Program Development Office (PDO) if DFID Bangladesh were to become a key stakeholder.
- to identify if there is sufficient support among current stakeholders for inclusion of DFID Bangladesh.
- if DFID Bangladesh were to become a key stakeholder, to map out the implications in terms of the mandate for the organization.
- finally, if further investment appear appropriate and possible map out options for a process through which DFID Bangladesh would be a key stakeholder.

The Mission members held discussions with different ministries and agencies including the Ministry of Water Resources, Planning Commission. The Mission met thrice with the PDO during their March 16-30 visit. The outcome of the Mission is yet to be finalized.

Field Visit

Dr. M. Rafiqul Islam, Senior National Expert of the PDO-ICZM made a field visit around Noakhali area. He had detailed discussion with the consultants of the Char Development & Settlement Project (CDSP). During the same period, HE Sjef Issermann, Ambassador of the Netherlands, was also visiting the CDSP. Opportunity was taken to visit Boyer Char and Ramgati. During this visit, discussions were also held with the officials of the Greater Noakhali Aquaculture Extension Project, DPHE-DANIDA Water Supply & Sanitation Component, SDC/LGED Noakhali Rural Infrastructure Development & Maintenance Project and with the Agriculture Programme of the MCC.



Institutional Review Study Initiated

The PDO-ICZM has initiated a short study to understand the existing mechanism of the concerned Govt. departments/ agencies to deal with coastal zone issues.

The objectives of the study are:

- Assessment of the existing mechanism of the concerned Govt. departments/ agencies to deal with coastal zone issues
- Knowledge of the linkages with other departments for dealing coastal zone issues
- Appraisal of the suitable mechanism for co-ordination to deal with implementation of activities under the ICZM.

These study findings will form the basis for institutional mechanism of the proposed ICZMP.

The study will be completed within three months. The findings of the study will be discussed in a workshop to be organized in mid-June.

Website for the PDO-ICZM

The PDO-ICZM is going to launch a website in May 2001. The website will contain all the published reports, technical documents, inventory and many relevant information for co-workers in the coastal zone of Bangladesh. EGIS is designing the website for the PDO-ICZM

INVENTORY OF PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

The Program Development Office plans to publish an Inventory called 'Profile of Projects & Initiatives in the Coastal Zone' in May 2001. The Office is interested to receive information on planned, on-going and completed works, studies & initiatives that deal in any way with people, land and environment of the coastal zone. You are requested to send in information by mail or e-mail (rafiqpdo@bangla.net) as soon as possible.

Regional Workshop at Noakhali

The PDO-ICZM is pleased to make the announcement of organizing a regional workshop to be held on April 16, 2001 at Noakhali. The purpose of this Workshop is to interact closely with different multi-sectoral projects being implemented in and around Noakhali. The format of the workshop is presentation and discussion. Each Project/Program will be requested to present their activities and findings. The purpose is to identify how project objectives are translated into the activities of the projects and thereby contributing to socio-economic welfare of the coastal communities.

The regional workshop will provide essential input for the workshop 'Policy Environment, Towards a Common Vision for the ICZM' to be held during June, 2001.



About PDO-ICZM

The PDO-ICZM is constituted as a separate and independent unit under the mandate of an Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee and Technical Committee. The Ministry of Water Resources is the lead Ministry.

The PDO-ICZM will be responsible for:

- *Developing a common vision for the coastal zone and a strategy to achieve this.*
- *Preparing a framework for a comprehensive & multi-sectoral ICZM Program.*
- *Identification, formulation and appraisal of activities as building blocks for the ICZMP.*
- *Pro-actively interaction with activities along with harmonization where needed.*
- *Initiating a stakeholder's consultation and the set up of a coastal resources database.*
- *Co-ordination and facilitation of the exchange of data and information.*
- *Generating & integrating relevant information into the ICZM Program.*

In the preparatory phase of ICZM, the PDO will operate for three years

Preliminary Announcement

COASTAL ZONE ASIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE (CZAP2002) 12-16 May, 2002, Bangkok, Thailand

An international conference focusing on the coastal zones of the Asia-Pacific region is being organized to bring together regional and international researchers, policy-makers, interest groups and communities to address and discuss issues of common concern in those tropical coastal areas. The conference aims to provide a forum for exchange of existing knowledge and practical examples of coastal area management from around the world in order to identify management models and tools most suitable for the region. The conference hopes to facilitate regional and international collaboration, to strengthen the existing networks and to initiate research, training and education programs for coastal resource management in Asia and the Pacific Rim. Finally, it is anticipated that the conference would become a biennial event organized in rotation by the regional partners.

The PDO-ICZM is the local contact of this conference in Bangladesh.

Projects/Initiatives are encouraged to send news & information relevant for the coastal zone for the next issue of the Coast News, to be published in July 2001.

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