



Fourth Meeting of Taskforce Held



Fourth meeting of the Taskforce on Policy and Strategy of ICZMP was held on 6 April 2005 at the meeting room of the Ministry of Water Resources. Chaired by the Secretary of the Ministry Mr. Abdul Aziz ndc, the meeting was attended by officials of the Ministries of Water Resources, Fisheries & Livestock, Land, Food & Disaster Management and Environment & Forest, as well as officials of the Planning Commission, WARPO, PDO-ICZMP and CARDMA. Participants discussed about the proposed Program Coordination Unit for institutional arrangement for coastal development and selected Bhola and Cox's Bazar for preparing district development plan.

Netherlands Ambassador Visits PDO-ICZMP



His Excellency Mr. Kees Beemsterboer Ambassador of the Netherlands in Bangladesh visited PDO-ICZMP on 9 May 2005. Director General of WARPO Mr. H.S. Mozaddad Faruque welcomed him. He was briefed about ICZMP activities. The ambassador expressed keen interest in the framework for implementing coastal development strategy in future and assured of continuous support.

Draft CDS Presented to Members of Parliament



The draft coastal development strategy (CDS) was presented on 9 July to the Members of the Parliament representing the coastal zone. Deputy Speaker of the Parliament Mr. Akhter Hamid Siddiqui chaired the meeting, while Water Resources Minister Mr. Hafizuddin Ahmed Bir Bikram attended as the chief guest. Among the participants were Barrister Moudud Ahmed and Barrister Mohammad Shajahan Omar Bir Uttam, Minister and State Minister respectively of the Ministry of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, State Minister for Finance and Planning Mr. Shah Mohammad Abul Hossain and Members of the Parliament Mr. Panchanan Biswas, Mr. Zainul Abedin Faruk, Mr. Syed Shahidul Hoq Jamal, Mr. Sarwar Jamal Nizam, Mr. Md. Shahiduzzaman, Mr. Mosharraf Hossain Mongu, Mr. Shah Md. Ruhul Quddus, Mr. M M Amin Uddin, Mr. A M Riasat Ali Biswas, Mr. Gazi Nazrul Islam, Mr. Zahiruddin Swapan, Mr. Abul Hossain Khan and Mr. Md. Shahiduzzaman. Participants emphasized the need for better coastal zone management, prioritization of investment programs, involvement of people's representatives in planning & monitoring, ensuring transparency and accountability, formation of a coastal development board and increased budgetary allocation for the coastal zone. WARPO, PDO-ICZMP and CARDMA jointly organized the meeting.



Peer review of the Draft Coastal Development Strategy

An expert group meeting on draft coastal development strategy (CDS) was held at the PDO meeting room on 7 June 2005. Among the participants were former Secretary of the Ministry of Water Resources Dr. ATM Shamsul Huda and Azad Ruhul Amin, Legal Counsel of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Barrister AKH Morshed, Prof. HKS Arefin of Dhaka University, Prof. Dara Shamsuddin of Jahangirnagar University, Prof. Feroz Ahmed of Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, Former DG of WARPO MH Siddiqui Bir uttam, former DG of BWDB Mukhlesuzzaman, former Chief Engineer of BWDB Sayeedur Rahman, Senior Research Fellow of BISS Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, Ahsan Uddin Ahmad of BUP and Syed Tamzid-ur-Rahman. They gave valuable comments on the draft CDS.



District and Local Level Consultations on Draft Coastal Development Strategy

In March 2005, 28 consultations on the draft coastal development strategy (CDS) were held at different locations of the coastal zone: three islands, three unions, three upazilas and 19 districts. Consultation meetings were organized by the district administration and facilitated by local NGOs. Among the participants were government officials, local government leaders, representatives of NGOs, CBOs, private sector and the civil society. Participants prepared priority list of development interventions for respective areas. According to participants, such consultations on a national strategy document have been held for the first time in these islands. Participants demanded special allocations from the government for implementation of this strategy. Selected expressions of 'hopes and concerns' are mentioned below.

Selected Islands (Kutubdia, Nijhum Dwip, Char Kukri Mukri)



Hopes and Concerns

This process of local level consultations is a very good initiative; problems are clearly identified and options for solutions are explored.

Md. Mahmudul Haque Fayeze, Journalist, Noakhali

If we consider all the Ministries of the government as 'water tank', then the Union Parishad is the 'tap'. If the tap is weak then water flow would be disturbed. Hence, Union Parishad must not remain weak or non-functioning.

Sohel Hafiz, Fuljhuri Union Parishad, Barguna

Knowing the focuses of Coastal Zone Policy and the proposed actions for CDS one can easily say, 'new days are coming for the coastal people'.

S. M. Parvez, BTV and Jugantar Correspondent, Pirojpur

I myself attended so many seminar/workshops, resulted no benefit. Projects should be realistic, e.g., if Taka. 210 million is invested for socio-economic projects instead of the 'Marine Park' in Saint Martin's, benefits would have gone to the local people directly.

Sheikh Matiur Rahman, Forest Ranger, Teknaf

Attending workshop/seminars gives a feeling that everything will happen tomorrow. However, I wish CDS would be materialized.

Muhammad Nurul Anwar Chaudhury, PO, ECFC, Kutubdia

The culture of 'integration' has not been in practice in Bangladesh. ECFC project was more or less 'integrated' one, but, in practice, other agencies are not involved actively in this process.

Md. Jamal Uddin Ahmed, UNO, Kutubdia

Thanks PDO-ICZMP, WARPO for creating scope of participation, which will contribute designing a better strategy for coastal development. I believe if CDS is implemented the coastal people, especially the poor shall be benefited most.

Monowara Begum, Protyasha, Chittagong

I am a UP Chairman for last 14 years; I have hardly seen any execution of recommendations. Let's hope, recommendations for CDS will be executed.

Nazrul I. Mollah, Chairman, Falua Union Parishad, Barguna

People's spontaneous participation need to be ensured in implementation of strategy, no imposition shall work.

Deputy Commissioner, Chandpur

The people's representatives must get involved in CDS process, by making it obligatory, if necessary. This CDS must not stop with the change in government.

Bijon Sen, Journalist, Noakhali

ICZMP shows us a hope; we wish it would be carried out efficiently and fully.

Moniruzzaman Nasim, Staff Reporter, Ittefaq, Pirojpur

Communication and law & order are the two main pre-conditions of development, but they are missing in the draft CDS.

Mahmud Hossein, Pirojpur

Selected in Unions (Magnama, Rayenda, Char Kajal)



Selected in Upazilas (Shyamnagar, Teknaf, Patharghata)



All 19 Coastal District



Consultation on Local Institutional Environment for Coastal Development



Daylong consultations were held in different coastal locations participated by representatives of different social classes. Under this program, consultations were held at union, upazila and district levels in nine districts, such as, Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, Noakhali, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, Bagerhat, Khulna and Satkhira. Main agenda of the consultations is to discuss and identify local level institutional arrangement for coastal

development. Participants laid emphasis on strong local government including the Union Parishad. The series of consultations began on 13 March at Kutubdia and ended on 25 June in Chittagong. Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) is implementing the program. Divisional level consultations will be organized at Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna and a national consultation in Dhaka.

Integrated Coastal Resource Database : Being Developed

CEGIS, Center for Environmental & Geographic Information Services, is implementing the component with support from the Institute of Water Modeling (IWM) and the Centre for National Resources Studies (CNRS).

Activities include developing an Integrated Coastal Resources Database (ICRD), a study on climate change, a 'future scenario' analysis, ground truthing of islands and chars, district development plans for Bhola and Cox's Bazar and support to agencies to prepare concept notes for priority investment program (PIP).

Under the ICRD, a database has been designed including a meta database and tool box (home page in picture). Collection & collation of data from 10 organizations have been completed. New hard and softwares were purchased and being installed. Operationization of ICRD database with supporting tools and establishing operational links with other project databases like CDSP, CERP are being attempted.

Contacts have been established with 18 agencies for preparing concept notes for PIP. Separate working group for each concept note, comprising representatives from more than one agency are working. Participants (seen in the photograph) of the workgroup contribute in formulation of the concept notes

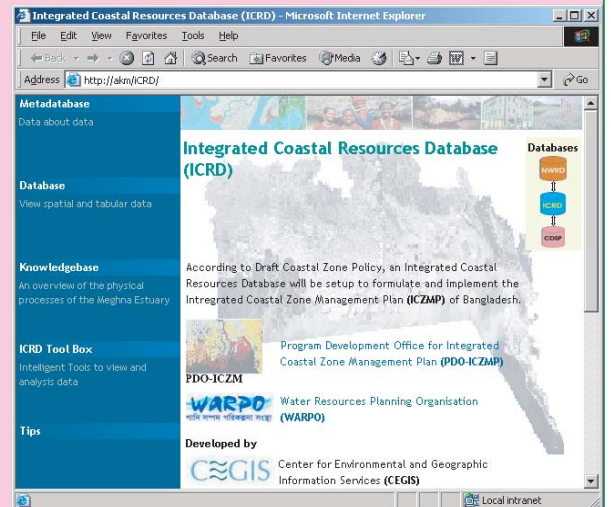
detailing components, cost, duration and institutional set-up of the proposed project.

An inventory of chars & islands is being made with identification of 77 offshore islands. A draft report is expected by July 2005.

Another report on future scenarios is under preparation that would include scenarios on population, employment, investment and changes in different sectors of the economy. A report is expected by July, 2005.

The IWM is assisting in the study on climate change. Link has already been established with NAPA (National Adaptation Plan of Action). The study will develop scenarios for the years 2015, 2030, 2050 and 2100. Model runs have been completed.

The CNRS is assisting in preliminary data collection at village and union levels for preparing district development plans for Bhola and Cox's bazar districts. These development plan will be prepared through facilitation from district administration and participation from all stakeholders at the upazila and district levels. It is using the PAPD (Participatory Action Plan Development) methodology for the work.



St. Martin's : Demonstrable model for ICZM ?



St. Martin's is a small island forming the southernmost part of Bangladesh. Fishing is the main livelihood of >5000 people living in this island. St. Martin's is a declared ECA (Ecologically Critically Area). It is one of the top tourist destinations of the country. It is the only coral bearing island and hotspot of rich biodiversity.

The PDO-ICZMP, jointly with the Dept. of Fisheries, organized a round-table & follow-up discussions on sustainable management of St. Martin's Island on March 31 and April 4, 2005 respectively. A total of 31 participants representing ministries and agencies (MoWR, DoF, FD, BPC, DoE, WARPO), Projects (ECFC, CWBMP, St. Martin's Project), Universities (DU, CU) and NGOs (CNRS, IUCN) attended the round table. Participants stressed the need for developing a Master Plan based on 1997 management plan with an aim to develop into a demonstrable model for ICZM.



Lecture Series : SPARRO Presents

A discussion under the Lecture Series of ICZMP was held at the PDO meeting room on 25 May. Dr. MA Shahid, Principal Scientific Officer of SPARRO, was the main speaker. He made a presentation using satellite images on changing landscape in the coastal zone as a result of shrimp culture. Academics and experts of the Dhaka University, University of Asia-Pacific, SPARRO, WARPO, TARA and PDO-ICZMP participated in the discussion.



New in the Series: Living in The Coast

No.3: Measuring Quality of Life (May 2005)

This book includes descriptions on quality of life indicators that would help in understanding the changes in coastal development.



No.4: Urbanization

The book includes concepts and descriptions on history, present situation and future scenario of urbanization in the coastal zone.

Information Sharing with CDMP

As part of the ongoing program of interacting with other agencies and projects, an information-sharing meeting was held at the office of Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) on 6 June 2005. Team Leader of Comprehensive Disaster Management Program (CDMP), Ian Rector gave a presentation on institutional structure, objectives and activities of CDMP, which is being implemented by the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management, while Team Leader of ICZMP M. Rafiqul Islam made a brief presentation on ICZMP and the draft coastal development strategy. It has been decided to continue such interacting discussion and to embark on joint activities



Information on PDO-ICZMP

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

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Our recent publications

- WP037 Investment and Financing Strategy For Coastal Zone Development In Bangladesh (April, 2005)
- WP038 The Round Table Discussion on Holistic Approach for Sustainable Management of St. Martin's Island (May, 2005)
- WP039 Proceedings of District & Local Level Consultations on the Draft Coastal Development Strategy (May 2005)
- WP040 Coastal Land Uses & Indicative Land Zoning (June 2005)

Previous PDO-ICZMP publications are available in the website.

Last drafts of the Coastal Development Strategy & Priority Investment Program are on website. Your comments are welcome

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