

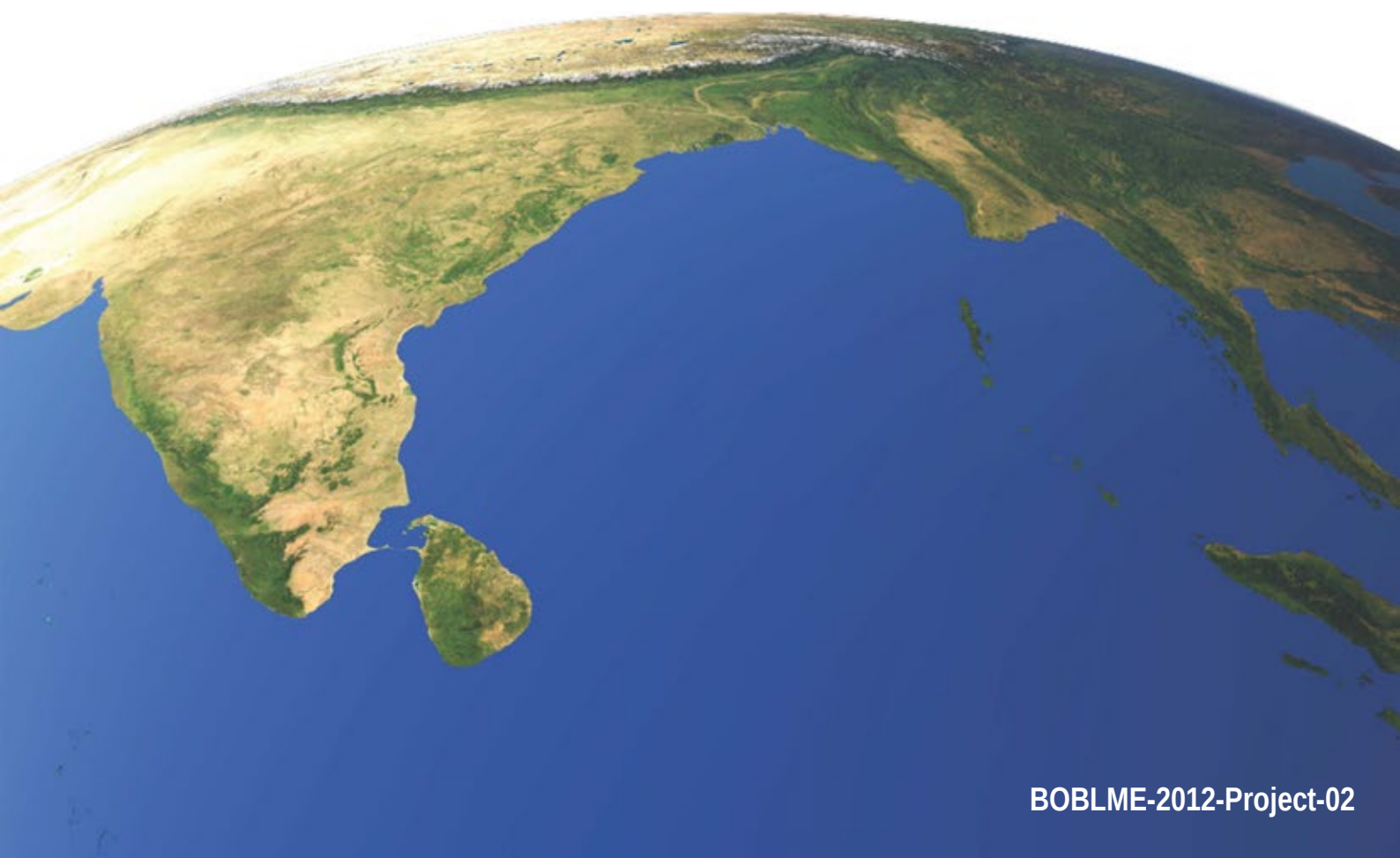


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working together to secure its future.*



Report of the
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Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project



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ABBREVIATIONS

AECEN	Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network
ADCP	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center
APFIC	Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BOBLME	Bay Of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem
BOBP-IGO	Bay Of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation
CBD	Convention on Biodiversity
CCRF	FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
COBSEA	Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia
EA	Ecosystem Approach
EAA	Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture
EAF	Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries
EASP	UNEP East Asian Seas Programme
EBM	Ecosystem Based Management
EEZ	Economic Exclusive Zone
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FAO RAP	FAO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific
GCRMN	Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GETF	Global Environment and Technology Foundation
GOOS	Global Ocean Observation System
GPA	UNEP Global Programme of Action
ICSF	International Collective in Support of Fishworkers
INCOIS	Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)
IOGOOS	Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System
IOSEA-Turtle	Indian Ocean South East Asia Turtle Memorandum
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IUU fishing	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing
IW-LEARN	International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network
MCS	Monitor, Control and Surveillance
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
MFAR	Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
MFF	Mangroves For the Future
MPA	Marine Protected Area
NACA	Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific
SACEP	South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme
SASP	South Asian Seas Programme
SEAFDEC	Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
SIFFS	South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies
SEA-RLC	Southeast Asia Regional Learning Centre
SSF	Small-Scale Fisheries
SAP	Strategic Action programme
TDA	Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis
WorldFish	WorldFish Centre
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BOBLME Project National Coordinators and National TDA Consultation managers met in Phuket, Thailand on 13-14 February 2012 to consider whether:

- the TDA as revised as a result of the national TDA consultations and subsequent TDA synthesis work is an appropriate regional basis for the development of the SAP
- the approach and outputs of the TDA synthesis, which collated the information from the national consultations was acceptable
- the PSC should consider adopting the confirmed TDA as a factual basis for the development of the SAP develop the 2011 BOBLME work plan.

The meeting was provided with an overview of the TDA process; the methods and findings of the TDA synthesis process; and considered the revised text of the TDA based on the findings of the synthesis.

The meeting made the following recommendations relating to the confirmation of the TDA:

1. based on national consultations undertaken in eight countries and discussions at the TDA confirmation meeting, on balance, the meeting confirmed that, on balance, the 14 February version of the TDA is an appropriate regional basis for the development of the SAP.
2. the approach and outputs of the TDA synthesis, which collated the information from the national consultations were acceptable.
3. The meeting recommended that the PSC should consider adopting the confirmed TDA as the factual basis for the development of the SAP.

1. BACKGROUND

1. One of the two major outputs of the BOBLME Project is to produce an agreed Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) that identifies and prioritises the major transboundary environmental concerns in the Bay of Bengal. This is a prerequisite to the other major output expected from the Project, the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) that will address and remediate them.
2. The process for finalising the TDA and initiating the SAP is as follows:
 - i. Updating the TDA (2010) – completed
 - ii. Developing a roadmap for national TDA consultations (2010) – completed
 - iii. Undertaking national consultations (2011) – completed
 - iv. Synthesising the recommendations from the national consultations – completed
 - v. National Coordinators and National TDA managers meet to consider the results of the TDA consultations and confirm the document (13-14 February 2012) - this meeting
 - vi. National Coordinators and SAP experts (using the confirmed TDA) will meet to draft a SAP framework and a work plan for SAP completion (15-17 February 2012)
 - vii. In March 2012, the Project Steering committee will meet to consider adopting the TDA and the SAP framework and completion work plan.
3. BOBLME Project National Coordinators and National TDA Consultation managers met in Phuket, Thailand on 13-14 February 2012 to undertake the step in paragraph 2v. above, and specifically to consider whether:
 - the 14 February version of the TDA is an appropriate regional basis for the development of the SAP
 - the approach and outputs of the TDA synthesis, which collated the information from the national consultations was acceptable
 - the PSC should consider adopting the confirmed TDA as a factual basis for the development of the SAP develop the 2011 BOBLME work plan.
4. The meeting was chaired by the BOBLME Project's Regional Coordinator Dr Chris O'Brien. Two members of the TDA synthesis team: Dr Derek Staples and Mr H. S. G. Fernando, also participated. The other member of the team, Dr K.Kuperan Viswanathan was unable to attend.
5. The Agenda for the meeting is attached as Appendix I.
6. The list of participants is given in Appendix II.
7. A list of documents is given in Appendix III.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE TDA PROCESS

8. The BOBLME Project Chief Technical Adviser, Dr Rudolf Hermes, gave a presentation describing the BOBLME TDA development process (Doc-02).

3. COUNTRY REPORTS

9. National TDA Managers gave presentations on the national TDA consultation processes, including an overview of the consultations; the main findings regarding accuracy and validity of the information and any changes; and their conclusions as to whether, the consultations determined is the draft TDA was an appropriate basis for the development of the SAP (Doc's 03-09)

4. IDENTIFICATION METHODS, APPROACHES AND OUTPUTS OF THE TDA SYNTHESIS

10. Dr Derek Staples, for the TDA Synthesis team, presented the report of the synthesis work (Doc's 10-11). The team analysed the responses from each country (Doc's 12-19). The comments of the reports provided by the countries were sorted into the following 7 categories:

1. Confirmations;
2. Easily-fixed changes to wording;
3. Country, and in some cases Provinces/states analysis of issues (and causes): gap analysis;
4. Requested changes, including updated statistics,
5. Changes to the scope of the TDA;
6. Rejected comments; and
7. Suggestions for future SAP actions.

11. The comments in each of these seven categories were then scrutinized and appropriate responses developed. These analyses were then used to modify the TDA.

12. TDA Synthesis Team made the following conclusions

- A varied approach was taken by the BOBLME countries, all of which provided valuable feedback;
- All BOBLME countries endorsed TDA, either implicitly or explicitly;
- Although not specifically requested to do so, many countries provided recommendations and suggestions to implement the TDA through a SAP – a positive step forward;
- TDA has now been updated with recent statistics/information;
- TDA changes requested by countries were incorporated, as appropriate (few were not accepted);
- TDA strengthened with sections on offshore/high seas area and more on climate change and red tides; and

5. COUNTRY RESPONSES TO THE SYNTHESIS

13. Each country was invited to ask questions on the methods and findings of the TDA synthesis.

6. THE REVISED TDA, BASED ON THE SYNTHESIS

14. Dr Staples explained all changes that the TDA Synthesis team had made (based on the synthesis exercise) to the two volume TDA used in National consultations (Doc's 20 and 21). The meeting was concluded just after afternoon tea time so that participants could study the changes proposed by the TDA synthesis' team overnight.

15. On resumption of the meeting on the second day, participants were invited to raise any matters relating to the proposed new text. Considerable discussions ensued.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE TDA

16. Based on national consultations undertaken in eight countries and discussions at the TDA confirmation meeting, on balance, the meeting confirmed that, on balance, the 14 February version of the TDA is an appropriate regional basis for the development of the SAP.

17. The approach and outputs of the TDA synthesis, which collated the information from the national consultations were acceptable.

18. The meeting recommended that the PSC should consider adopting the confirmed TDA (Doc's 22 and 23) as the factual basis for the development of the SAP

8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

19. The above recommendations were adopted on the final day of the meeting, and other contents were agreed by email.

Appendix I Agenda



Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project

DRAFT AGENDA

PREPARED BY THE RCU

BOBLME TDA confirmation meeting

13-14 February 2012, Phuket, Thailand,
Starting 9 am

The BOBLME Project is expected to produce two major outputs. The first is an agreed Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) that identifies and prioritises the major transboundary environmental and fisheries concerns in the Bay of Bengal. This is a prerequisite to the second major output, the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) that will address and remediate the concerns.

The process for finalising the TDA and initiating the SAP consists of 7 steps - see over page. This meeting concerns step number 5. National Coordinators and National TDA managers meet to consider the results of the TDA consultations and confirm the document.

DRAFT Agenda

DAY ONE:

1. Welcome and workshop purpose
2. Overview of the TDA process
3. Country Reports (the TDA Consultation Manager for each country to provide a 10 min report on the following)
 - (i) a description of the national TDA consultation process
 - (ii) main findings regarding accuracy and validity of the information and changes, if any
 - (iii) whether, the consultations concluded that the draft TDA is an appropriate basis for the development of the SAP
4. Methods, approaches and outputs of the TDA synthesis - [reference document 1]
5. Country responses to the synthesis (each country is to comment on the synthesis process and outputs)
6. The revised TDA, based on the synthesis - [reference document 2]

DAY TWO:

7. Country comments on the revised TDA
8. Discussions on 'lessons learned' from the TDA process
9. Confirmation of the TDA as the basis for SAP development
10. Drafting of recommendations to the Project Steering Committee.

Documents:

1. Report from the TDA Synthesis team
2. Revised TDA dated
3. Note that reports from the national TDA consultations are available on the boblme website (www.boblme.org)

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Appendix III List of documents

Reference	Title
Session	
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-01	Agenda
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-02	BOBLME TDA development process. Rudolf Hermes (ppt)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-03	Report of the National TDA consultations: Bangladesh (ppt)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-04	Report of the National TDA consultations: India (ppt)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-05	Report of the National TDA consultations: Malaysia (ppt)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-06	Report of the National TDA consultations: Maldives (ppt)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-07	Report of the National TDA consultations: Myanmar (ppt)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-08	Report of the National TDA consultations: Sri Lanka (ppt)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-09	Report of the National TDA consultations: Thailand (ppt)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-10	TDA Synthesis Report. Derek Staples (ppt)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-11	Synthesis Report of the BOBLME TDA Validation Consultations. Derek Staples, Hewawasam Fernando and Kuperan Viswanathan
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-12	Report of the National TDA consultations: Bangladesh
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-13	Report of the National TDA consultations: India
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-14	Report of the National TDA consultations: Indonesia
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-15	Report of the National TDA consultations: Malaysia
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-16	Report of the National TDA consultations: Maldives
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-17	Report of the National TDA consultations: Myanmar
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-18	Report of the National TDA consultations: Sri Lanka
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-19	Report of the National TDA consultations: Thailand
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-20	BOBLME TDA Vol 1 - as used in national consultations, and revised as a result of the TDA synthesis (with suggested changes marked)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-21	BOBLME TDA Vol 2 - as used in national consultations, and revised as a result of the TDA synthesis (with suggested changes marked)
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-22	Confirmed BOBLME TDA Vol 1
BOBLME-2012-TDAconf_Doc-23	Confirmed BOBLME TDA Vol 2



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