

A Global Community of Practice to Improve the Management of Large Marine Ecosystems and their coasts (LME/ICM-CoP).

The GEF International Waters Programme

Project objective

The objective of the GEF-IW LME/ICM-CoP:

To generate knowledge, build capacity, harness public and private partners, support South to South learning and improve performance of International Waters projects through a Community of Practice for ecosystem-based management approaches to Large Marine Ecosystems and their coasts (LME/ICM-CoP).

1. Global and regional network of partners to enhance ecosystem-based management and to provide support for the GEF-IW LME/ICM projects to incorporate ICM and climate variability and change.

- (a) Community of Practice (CoP) established for GEF IW Large Marine Ecosystems and their coasts, and other marine and coastal initiatives supported by GEF and partner organizations (Secretariat to be housed by an organization to be identified during the PPG). **
- (b) GEF LME/ICM-CoP Technical and Policy-level Steering Committee established. **
- (c) GEF LME/ICM-CoP Technical Working Groups established to develop new tools in partnership with GEF-IW LME/ICM projects, and other marine and coastal initiatives. **
- (d) GEF LME/ICM-CoP Regional Networks to enhance interactions between GEF-IW LME and ICM and other GEF-IW transboundary water projects (jointly with IW:LEARN). **
- (e) LME/ICM-CoP website for sharing of best practices, knowledge management and learning linked to the IW:LEARN Resource Centre. **

2. Capture of best practices, and development of new methods and tools to enhance the management effectiveness of LMEs and to incorporate ICM and climate variability and change within the 5 LME modules.

- (a) Series of validated methods and new tools to address priority transboundary issues and national governance reforms and those identified in GEF5 (ICM and climate variability and change). ***
- (b) Codification of experiences and best practices from GEF LME/ICM projects and other coastal and marine initiatives supported by GEF and partner organisations for inclusion in LME Toolkit of assessment and management practices. **
- (c) An LME/ICM Toolkit for adaptive ecosystem-based management which incorporates tools (and training and education materials) on best practice and to address new GEF5 IW requirements produced as a web-based knowledge management system. **

3. Capacity and partnership building through twinning and learning exchanges, workshops and training.

- (a) Functional dialogue, project twinning, learning exchanges, and training workshops among GEF LME/ICM projects and other GEF and non-GEF funded marine and coastal initiatives to build capacity and for portfolio learning. **
- (b) Training materials from GEF-IW portfolio learning (above) and from learning partners updated and harmonised for regional governance and resource management training and made available through LME/ICM-CoP website. **
- (c) New training materials developed in collaboration with learning partners (e.g. IUCN, FAO, IOC, ICES, NOAA, IOI, UNU-INWEH bilaterals) and through learning exchanges and workshops to address priority issues in GEF5. ***
- (d) Training strategy (developed during the PPG) implemented and 10,000 GEF LME/ICM practitioners fully trained in ecosystem-based techniques and approaches, including adaptation to climatic variability and change. *

4. Communication, dissemination and outreach of GEF LME/ICM project achievements and lessons learned.

- (a) Global LME/ICM-CoP D-List communication platform linking GEF LME and ICM projects with other relevant initiatives by GEF and partners (e.g. FAO, ICES, IOC, IUCN, NOAA, UNDP, UNESCO, UNEP, UNIDO, UNU-INWEH) and with projects in engaging stakeholders and increasing community participation. **
- (b) LME project portfolio visualization and links between LME projects websites, IW:Learn and other relevant websites. **
- (c) Lessons from GEF IW LME/ICM projects disseminated through IW:LEARN website, partners and LME ICM CoP website.
- (d) Publication of findings from LME/ICM projects in peer-reviewed scientific, coastal and ocean management journals.
- (e) Participation of GEF LME/ICM project staff and practitioners in regional and global conferences (e.g, Global Forum, UNCLOS, IW:Learn Science Conference; ICES Science Conferences). **

Next Steps

- PIF comments – received and incorporated, more comments welcome
- PPG draft – ready
- PIF and PPG submission - 2012
- GEF Council – May 2012
- PPG May 2012 – November 2012
- FSP Implementation start – January 2013

Major Challenge

Co-financing!



Thank you

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