



LME:LEARN Regional Networks

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1.4 Establishment of functioning regional network

- Coordination between LME, MPA and ICM projects
- Promote integration in use of LME-wide governance, ICM/MSP, MPAs/refugia, Regional Fisheries Bodies and IMO-related Conventions.
- Identify twinning opportunities within and across regions, including the topic of such twinning and institutions to be involved
- Define measures to assess progress in institutional and human capacity development in regions
- Identify scientific research needs and support that could be pooled within or across regions
- Identify means for stronger involvement of science and university communities in the regional networks



Composition

- Three entities: Africa, Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific.
- Regional Network Chairs (Project Manager, nominated, temporal)
- Guided by IOC Sub-Regional Commissions (Cartagena, Bangkok, Nairobi)
- LME:LEARN Project Coordination Unit plus Regional Network Coordinator



Membership

- GEF-funded marine, coastal and protected area projects
- Projects funded by other donors,
- National government line ministries,
- Transboundary commissions
- Regional fisheries management organizations
- NGO's
- Academia
- Private sector



Specific Outputs/Targets

- Annual reports demonstrating networking effectiveness
- Reports from Inter-Project Collaboration Opportunity grants, with lessons learned
- Prioritized list of training needs (to guide LME:LEARN twinning and training activities)
- By end of project, new GEF LME PIFs and CEO Endorsements will reflect incorporation of Regional Networks and their integration amongst projects
- Surveys at end of this project show increase in GEF coastal biodiversity and climate adaptation projects including linkage components with IW LME projects.



Manifestation of Regional Networks

- Annual meetings of regional networks
- Establishment through PCU of “Inter-project Collaboration Opportunities”
- Regional Training Workshops
- Regional Twinning Opportunities



What is Twinning?

- Twinning exchanges are “hands-on” workshops and short term visits to projects and regional institutes. Short personnel visits (usually a week in duration).
- Enhance adaptation and replication of practical experience in transboundary water resource management, with a focus on improving project results.
- Twinning is with other projects, with various intergovernmental and governmental institutions (e.g., IOC, NOAA, etc.), as well as educational and research institutions .
- Twinning activities would be shared between LME:LEARN and IW:LEARN.
- <http://www.iwlearn.net/exchange>



Inter-Project Collaboration Opportunities

- Seed funding grants for projects that have specific collaboration needs to team up and address common/transboundary issues, maximizing resources and human capacity, and facilitating networking amongst projects
- 10 grants of \$15,000 each
- More sustained, lengthier intervention than twinning, including temporary embedding of personnel, specifically between projects



This Year's Session Objectives

- (1) present the activities in the region with respect to LME/ICM/MSP/MPA/Climate Adaptation projects,
- (2) identify regional governance issues, including identifying major institutional obstacles
- (3) discuss the potentials for science/university linkages in the region,
- (4) discuss the achievement of SDG's and how respective projects can report on progress during implementation
- (5) discuss the LME:LEARN twinning exchange and "Inter-project Collaboration

Last Year: http://www.ioc-unesco.org/components/com_oe/oe.phptask=download&id=31091&version=1.0&lang=1&format=1

