

USAID Knowledge Management Inventory – *USAID Coastal Resources Management Lessons Learned Workshop “A World of Learning in Coastal Management”*

1. Describe your knowledge sharing activity - what did you do? – how did you do it?

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The U.S. Agency for International Development & University of Rhode Island's Coastal Resources Center are convening a full-day seminar on November 19, 2002 that will focus on using lessons learned from its Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) to address the future challenges facing developing countries and their coastal zones. Invited are the larger development, coastal, and water community in Washington, DC.

2. Describe your motivation / value proposition / business case for the initiative – why did you do it? – for whom?

The Coastal Resources Center (CRC-URI) and the US Agency for International Development have been working together since 1985 to utilize integrated coastal management to help partner nations advance towards more sustainable forms of coastal development. Over the 15-year partnership we have worked with partners in Asia, Eastern Africa, and Latin America to achieve more sustainable use of coastal resources. We have also worked to address coastal issues of global significance, such as coral reef protection, mariculture, and coastal tourism, and advance the overall profession.

Together with our partners we have learned much, both through our successes and from things that did not work so well. The CRMP is scheduled to conclude in 2003 and we are in the process of analyzing the CRMP experience so that it can contribute to serve future endeavors. An important part of this process will be the World of Learning Seminar, November 19, 2002.

3. Describe the results of the effort – who and/or what was impacted and how? – what are the benefits?

Lessons learned from the following three projects will be highlighted:

- Tanzania: Linking National Coastal Strategy and Local Action Planning
- North Sulawesi, Indonesia: Community-based Integrated Coastal Management Supported by Provincial and National Laws
- Mexico: Estuarine Management within the Gulf of California.

Using USAID's experience with these field programs as a backdrop, the workshop will focus on addressing the following questions within a developing country context:

- Why do coasts matter and whom do they matter to?
- What are the keys to making progress in ICM?
- How to link key development topics and ICM?
- What are the cross-project learning benefits of having a "family" of projects?

Results of this effort will be used to help guide future directions for USAID's integrated coastal management programs, beginning in FY 2004.

4. Describe any future implications or issues related to the initiative, e.g., what plans are in place? What current constraints or challenges are you facing? How is the initiative being sustained / maintained? How can it be replicated or scaled up?

The USAID Water Team is currently working to create a new procurement vehicle for the continuation of coastal zone management activities beginning in FY 2004 when the current Cooperative Agreement with the CRC-URI will expire. The workshop is a means to summarize and learn from the past 15 years of this partnership experience with the Coastal Resources Management Programs I and II. Lessons learned will be used to help guide the development of future ICM programs and enhance the impact of national policy and community-based management activities in developing countries.

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For more information about the CRMP visit: <http://www.crc.uri.edu/crcandaaid.html>.
For more information about the World of Learning Workshop on Nov. 19, visit <http://www.crc.uri.edu/wol.html>