

Coastal Institute Asia: Integrated Ecosystem Management

CLASS DATES
JULY 23 – AUGUST 10, 2007

Coastal Institute Asia is an intensive three-week program for coastal resources management professionals. It is held at the Asian Institute of Technology's (AIT) Bangkok Campus. The Coastal Resources Center at the University of Rhode Island has been offering this course biannually since 1992 and now has over 200 alumni working in 60 countries. **The program provides mid-career professionals with practical skills to design, implement, and learn from integrated coastal management (ICM) programs and experiences from around the world – with a focus on the Asian Region.** The program also provides training in non-ICM-specific professional skills that have proven essential to the coastal manager—skills such as communication, facilitation, and conflict resolution.

PROGRAM CONTENT

The Coastal Institute emphasizes the processes and tools to integrate multiple issues of concern to coastal planners and managers, including:

- Implications of natural hazards and how to build community resilience
- Coastal development activities such as mariculture, tourism, shorefront construction, and their impacts on habitats, hazards, and water pollution
- Multi-stakeholder conflict management
- Incorporating gender equity into ICM
- Linking local-level program initiatives with national-level policy development

Professional skills-building sessions may include:

- Leadership at all levels
- Communicating clearly and persuasively
- Understanding group dynamics



PARTICIPANTS

This program is for those actively working in the field of coastal management and/or affected by the issues inherent in coastal management. This includes:

- Professionals in natural resources, fisheries, tourism, hazards and environmental agencies
- University lecturers, researchers and students
- Staff from non-governmental environmental and community development organizations
- Project managers in development organizations and regional development banks

Participants typically have a wide variety of educational backgrounds in the natural and social sciences. Most have advanced degrees and substantial professional experience. All have good proficiency in English to enable class discussions.



TRAINING APPROACH

The Coastal Institute uses a training approach that builds upon each participant's experience and education. Training sessions include lectures, field exercises, small group work, panels, simulations and case studies. The final week of the course is focused on assisting participants to apply their new skills to their current professional work.

PROGRAM FEE

Program Fee: US \$2,000. This covers the cost of tuition, lunch and snacks, housing, field trips, reading materials, special events, and limited health and accident insurance (if needed). Fees do *not* cover personal expenses, breakfast, dinner or the cost of travel to and from Bangkok. A limited number of partial scholarships are available.

PROGRAM CREDIT

AIT will award three course credits to AIT students who pass the course. AIT and CRC will award a professional certificate for all participants. This course receives credit towards the CRC Coastal Management Certification Program.

COASTAL INSTITUTE FACULTY

Program instructors are drawn from coastal management practitioners at the Coastal Resources Center (CRC) and faculty from AIT. CRC has multiple field sites in Asia, Africa and Latin America to provide current case materials. The program also includes guest speakers from other universities, government agencies, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.



ALUMNI QUOTES

"This course will represent a turning point in my career"

"Everything has come together like a puzzle and given me a new perception of what coastal management is all about. It's a very valuable experience."

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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