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## **SHARING THE EXPERIENCE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

The CD contained inside the back cover offers publications, documents and informational materials grouped together in three ways: by coastal management theme, geographic region, and alphabetically by author. We hope this assists you in finding publications that are specific to your interests or locale. The Coastal Resources Center believes strongly in the value of these materials as learning tools that can cross over oceans or portfolios.

### **THEMES**

Governance  
Critical Coastal Habitats  
Sustainable Coastal Development  
Capacity Building  
Learning

### **GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS**

Asia and the Western Pacific  
Eastern and Southern Africa  
Latin America and the Caribbean

We hope you find this sharing of experience interesting and useful.

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# INTRODUCTION

In 1985, the Coastal Resources Center (CRC) at the University of Rhode Island and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) entered into an innovative partnership to assist coastal countries worldwide to manage their valuable natural resources in a way that would maximize benefits to their people and could be sustained over time.

Eighteen years later this partnership, the Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP), has become one of USAID's most successful. Many developing countries, including Ecuador, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand and others have joined this partnership and in the process have learned to plan, strategize and take actions to preserve, conserve, and wisely develop their coastal resources. These efforts have also helped to improve coastal people's quality of life, and helped to balance economic pressures with environmental protection.

The accompanying CD-ROM contains nearly 200 publications, documents and informational materials generated during the 18 years of CRMP. The content touches on a wide range of integrated coastal management (ICM) topics including program design, field experience, program evaluation, tools for implementation, and capacity building. It also includes "reflection" pieces that look both to the past and the future of coastal management. This library of lessons learned has been shared globally, from country-to-country, and across many environmental, economic and social disciplines. Some of the knowledge began as theory,



but was turned into practical tools and workable concepts. Some began and remains grassroots, dirt-under-the-fingernails field experience that can assist coastal managers in their day-to-day work in evolving social and political situations that would challenge any professional. And despite the fact that many of the lessons learned took place on the international stage, the experiences have been used as much by CRMP to help further America's coastal management work, as to assist other nations' efforts. The CRMP partners share this collection freely as a small but important contribution to the broader knowledge management of ICM experience.

## **THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CRMP)**

The Coastal Resources Center and the U.S. Agency for International Development's 18-year partnership in the Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) has promoted the conservation and sustainable use of coastal resources in developing countries worldwide, with emphasis on assistance to countries in Asia and the Western Pacific, Eastern and Southern Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

CRMP works towards achieving increased conservation and sustainable use of coastal resources by simultaneously focusing on:

**Field support to key countries** including activities which catalyze integrated coastal management (ICM) programs in USAID countries and regions where there is interest in and need for ICM; promote interaction and learning among USAID-supported ICM programs in the same region; and implement substantive ICM field programs in Ecuador, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Thailand. With support from USAID field missions, CRMP works with key in-country partners to implement sustainable field programs. While each field program has been designed to assist USAID missions to achieve their specific strategic objectives, they all employ the CRMP approach. This calls for simultaneous work at the local and national levels, building capacity of individuals and institutions, and promoting learning networks and knowledge management.

**Global technical leadership** through substantive participation in global initiatives, and building strategic partnerships with other donors and organizations which share CRMP's objectives and values. These partnerships have advanced the development and dissemination of ICM concepts and tools and global capacity-building efforts. Use of communications networks to share lessons learned in ICM substantially expands the impact of CRMP results beyond the borders of the key countries where the program's efforts are focused.

Program field initiatives have replicated impacts across geographic sites. CRMP believes knowing how communities in Indonesia developed their community-based marine sanctuaries can provide useful insights to Mexican practitioners on the Yucatan Peninsula as they attempt to establish marine reserves. Good mariculture practices developed for Latin America can be adapted for use in Eastern Africa. The process used for developing bay management plans in East Kalimantan, Indonesia, can inspire the people of Bahía Santa María in the Gulf of California. Ecuador and Sri Lanka's experiences with developing national approaches to managing their shorelines helped CRMP move through the process more efficiently in Tanzania.



# THE PARTNERS

## THE COASTAL RESOURCES CENTER

In 1971, the Coastal Resources Center (CRC) was established at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography to assist the state of Rhode Island in formulating strategies to manage its coastline. By the mid-1970s, CRC had drafted the state's coastal management program—one of the first in the U.S.—and prepared special area management plans for critical geographic areas of Rhode Island.

The success of CRC's 15 years in Rhode Island became a foundation for similar work, first in other regions of the United States, and then worldwide. In 1985, CRC was chosen to join a pioneering partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to apply the U.S. experience in coastal management to developing nations. A first wave of pilot programs in Ecuador, Sri Lanka and Thailand were conducted with in-country counterparts and produced policies and plans that are being successfully implemented today. A second set of initiatives in Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico and Tanzania began in 1995 and will end in September 2003. While each program was adapted to the specific needs of the place, they all shared a common approach that includes building local constituencies for good governance of coastal resources; strengthening the skills of local coastal management professionals; and working with a variety of institutions, both government and non-government, to develop and implement effective coastal management programs locally, regionally and nationally.



## **UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

U.S. foreign assistance has always had the twofold purpose of furthering America's foreign policy interests in expanding democracy and free markets while improving the lives of the citizens of the developing world. USAID works globally to achieve these goals. USAID's history goes back to the Marshall Plan reconstruction of Europe after World War Two and the Truman Administration's Point Four Program.

Since its inception immediately after World War II, USAID has been the principal U.S. agency to extend assistance to countries recovering from disaster, trying to escape poverty, and engaging in democratic reforms. The agency works to advance U.S. foreign policy objectives by promoting long-term, equitable economic growth and global health in a sustainable manner.

With headquarters in Washington, D.C., USAID's strength is in its mission offices around the world. The USAID Washington office and USAID missions work in close partnership with private voluntary organizations, indigenous organizations, universities, American businesses, international agencies, other governments, and other U.S. government agencies, and maintain working relationships with more than 3,500 American companies and over 300 U.S.-based private voluntary organizations.

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