Can climate change adaptation be mainstreamed?

**Attending the World Ocean Conference in Manado? Join us for a one-day workshop on Climate Change Adaptation Strategies and Actions for Coastal Areas**

Environmental changes brought by climate change are already occurring and will intensify in the future, resulting in significant alteration of ocean and coastal ecosystems affecting millions of people, their homes, livelihoods and lifestyles. Dramatically stepped up efforts are needed to guide proactive adaptation actions that benefit human and natural ecosystems for present and future generations. We have therefore designed a one-day workshop to help address the policy and practical challenges in adaptation to the impacts of ocean and coastal climate change.

**Why attend?**

If you are a coastal and marine conservation policy-maker who are trying to decide how to proceed in addressing adaptation challenges without creating new laws or programmes; or a planner and/or project manager who want some practical approaches to act immediately; or if you are a researcher, an advocate and/or communications outreach professional seeking to make the connection between information, needs, and action.

The one-day workshop provides an opportunity for sharing experiences and utilising participant cases in discussions and exercises. A group exercise will explore in more depth the different starting points for understanding strategies to mainstream adaptation measures into projects,
places and national policy. The vulnerability and adaptation (V&A) approach will be introduced. Participants will examine how to develop and implement adaptation options, and will focus on integrating these into programmes, development plans, and projects at the national and local levels.

**Where and When?**
The event will be conducted in English at the Manado Convention Center, 9.00-16.30, 11 May, 2009. It is limited to a maximum of 50 people. Participation is through application, as we hope to accommodate a broad range of individuals. There is no registration fee. Refreshments, lunch and all workshop materials are included. Workshop materials will include the newly launched ADAPTING TO COASTAL CLIMATE CHANGE: A Guidebook for Development Planners, a practical guidebook that addresses the what, why and how of climate change adaptation in coastal areas, as well as the ADAPTING TO CLIMATE VARIABILITY AND CHANGE: A Guidance Manual for Development Planning book).

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