



**Workshop on
“Stakeholders Consultation on Industrial
Development and Conservation of Marine National
Park”, Jamnagar, Gujarat**

3rd March 2009, Hotel Cambay Resort, Gandhinagar

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INTRODUCTION



The coastal belts of India are the hub of economic growth and technical progress, and Jamnagar District in Gujarat is no exception. Jamnagar city which, houses the Marine National Park and Sanctuary (MNP&S) is a reservoir of ecological wealth besides hosting a number of industries particularly between Vadinar and Sikka. But the challenge is how to have the modernization that is in harmony with nature? It is possible only by joining hands and discussing it from a common platform. This is the crucial time to ensure the marine ecosystem which is the treasury of ecological assets of the country be part of the framework in the protection, conservation and most important the development of the coastal areas. This requires combined efforts of all the stakeholders i.e. the government, big and especially small industries, municipality, NGOs, local communities etc. The existing long-term ecosystem research and monitoring programs by reputed institutions in Gujarat and elsewhere form an excellent working baseline to start from.

Integrated Research for Action and Development (IRADe) is a scientific and research organization based in New Delhi (www.irade.org) is currently undertaking a project on the Ecosystem Management of the Marine National Park, Jamnagar funded by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. Through multi-stakeholders consultations, we could collectively address long-term ecological and environmental concerns of this biodiversity-rich area. Keeping in view the rapid industrialization and other developments in the area, the stakeholders are required to have their development and management plan in a sustainable manner. In this backdrop, IRADe is organizing a workshop on “Stakeholders consultation on industrial development and conservation of Marine National Park, Jamnagar, Gujarat on 3rd March 2009 at Cambay Resort, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this inception workshop is to mainly discuss the partnerships from all concerned sectors in the preservation of Marine National Park. It is also expected to share the studies and work that have

come up on the subject and how to go ahead further in minimizing impacts on the marine ecosystem.

STAKEHOLDERS AND TARGET AUDIENCE

Major stakeholders are from State Departments such as Forest Department, Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation, Gujarat State Pollution Control Board, Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board, Gujarat Tourism Corporation, Department of Ports and Transportation, District Administrators, Jamnagar Municipal Corporation, etc. Other includes ISRO (SAC), GEC, GES, GEER Foundation, and private industries such as ESSAR, RELIANCE, TATA Chemicals and other industries, Port developers and managers, urban planners, Universities, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), NGOs, etc.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP

- Multi-stakeholders' consultation on the various issues of conservation in and around the Marine National Park.
- Designing roadmap for better management of marine environment.
- Stakeholder recommendations on proper conservation and monitoring of the coastal area and the mangrove ecosystem.
- Developing code of conduct for industrial activities that help conserve marine biodiversity.
- Exploring the possibilities of Ecotourism.



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION 09.00- 09.30

INAUGURAL SESSION (09.30-11.00)

Dr. Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director,
IRADe, New Delhi 09.30-09.45

Shri S K Nanda (IAS), Principal Secretary
Gujarat Forests & Environment Department 09.45-10.00

Rep. of Ministry of Environment and Forests, GOI* 10.00-10.15

Shri Saurabhbhai Patel, 10.15-10.30

Minister for Industries, Govt of Gujarat,

Dr. Kirit Parikh, Member

Planning Commission, GOI 10.30-10.50

Vote of Thanks 10.50-11.00

SESSION: Status of Marine National Park and efforts for conservation
(11.30 – 13.00)

Chair: Dr. Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director, IRADe

Co-Chair: Mr. Pradeep Khanna, PCCF (Wildlife), Gujarat Forest Department

PANELISTS:

Dr. G A Thivakaran, Scientist, GUIDE, Bhuj

Dr. K K Ghosh, Director (S&T), Gujarat Ecological Society

Dr. R. Parthasarathy, Director, GIDR

Shri Atanu Chakraborty, Vice-chairman, Gujarat Maritime Board

Shri Lavkumar Khachar, Conservationist

Mr. Paresh Davey, Vice-President, Reliance Industries Ltd.

SESSION: Broad stakeholders' engagement from industries sector on
their development plans and monitoring process (14.00 – 15.30)

Chair: Shri R J Shah, Principal Chief Industrial Advisor

Industries Commissionerate, Gujarat

Co-Chair:

PANELISTS:

Ms. Swati Buch, GM, Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board

Dr. H S Singh, MD, Gujarat Forest Corporation

Shri Chandrashekhar Pandya, Director, Gujarat Ecological Commission

Shri Anoop Shukla, MD, Gujarat Tourism Corporation

Shri Santosh Gupta, Head Environment, ESSAR

GIDC

VALEDICTORY SESSION (16.00-17.00)

Chair: Shri D Rajagopalan, Chief Secretary,

Government of Gujarat

PANELISTS:

Shri A K Sharma, Secretary, GIDB, Gujarat

Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth

Shri Pradeep Khanna, PCCF (Wildlife), Gujarat Forest Department

Shri C N Pandey (IFS), GEER Foundation

Shri R G Shah, Member-Secretary, GPCB

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