

## PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

### **Name of the Partnership/Initiative**

Protecting the Coastal and Marine Waters of South Asia through Partnerships:  
Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of Coastal and Marine Environment in South Asia

**Expected date of initiation: 2003**

**Expected date of completion: 2008**

### **Partners Involved:**

**Governments:** Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

**Intergovernmental organizations:** South Asia Cooperative Environment Programm (SACEP), UNEP- Regional Seas Programme, UNEP-GPA office

**Major groups:** Government Agencies, Non-governmental and Community organizations, private sector and academia.

**Other:** ICIMOD, IUN- Asia, IWMI

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### **Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative**

Please provide a brief description:

Enhancing regional cooperation through building partnerships within existing regional bodies and national agencies with the goal to contribute to human security and conserving the natural resource endowments.

**Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:**

Millennium goals on Shared responsibility and Respect for nature to address issues on poverty, water supply and sanitation, education, new technology development, natural disasters, appropriate national and regional policy and legal interventions for sustainable development.

**Expected results:**

Incorporating GAP objectives at the regional and national level in South Asia, through policy initiatives and capacity building.

Effective operation of the SACEP/Regional activity unit as the Regional Seas coordinating unit of all coastal and marine activities in the SA region

**Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:**

- Initiation and Development of Regional Coordination Unit within the SACEP Secretariat and the Development of a Clearing House Mechanism by 2004
- Development of a Strategic Action Plan on Land-Based Pollution by 2004
- Development of a Regional and National Monitoring programme for Marine Pollutants by 2005
- Revise the regional and national Action Plans on Land Based Pollution
- Update/amend National legislation to cater the new concepts by 2006
- Development and adoption of a Protocol on Land – Based activities, based on regional priorities by 2007
- Development and implement of 10 partnership projects by 2007
- Network of centers of excellence established by 2004
- Review of progress achieved Bi annually.

**Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

SACEP in cooperation with relevant Government and other stakeholders will develop the project implementation mechanism while UNEP-GPA, IWMI, IUCN- Asia, ADB, NORAD, JAICA, World Bank will provide the technical and financial know-how.

**Arrangements for funding**

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

- Increased contribution from member countries
- Increased contributions from the international community

**Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer**

**Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:**

Improved interregional exchange of information and best practices, through a network of centers of excellence in the areas of policy and legislation; education and communication; research and monitoring; finance and trade, and linkages with existing national institutions to share best practices and experiences among the member states.

Strengthening of existing regional institutional mechanisms of SACEP

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

Development of a framework mechanism, such as a South Asian Technology Bank to ensure improved technology transfer, and increased technical capabilities and capacities, through education and capacity building of the civil society.

**Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)**

Please provide a brief description:

**SACEP** : Environmental Legislation, Biodiversity, Education and the South Asian Regional Seas Action Plan for Sustainable utilization of the regions coastal and marine environment.

ADB, UNDP, UNEP – Various Regional and National Initiatives

**IUCN – Asia** : Regional Activities on Biodiversity, Marine Resources, Environment Economics

**Monitoring Arrangements**

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

Detailed annual GPA/SACEP workprogrammes, Progress/Coordinating Meetings once in every two years, Quarterly Newsletters, and the Clearing House Mechanism.

**Other relevant information:**

Web-site (if available): [www.sacep.org](http://www.sacep.org)

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