

Sirenian Specialist Group Helene Marsh and Himansu S Das

Structure

- Specialist Group Co-Chairs: Helene Marsh, Benjamin Morales
- 2. Regional Co-chairs:
 - 1. Indian Ocean: Himansu S Das, Tint Tun
 - Pacific Ocean: Amanda Hodgson, Donna Kwan
 - 3. US: Christopher Marshall
 - 4. Meso-America: Nicole Auli, Haydee Dominguez
 - 5. South America: Nataly Castelblanco, Miriam marmontel
 - 6. West Africa: Edem Eniang, Keith Diagne
- 3. A Listing Authority: Ivan Lawler
- Sirenews Co-Editors: Cyndi Taylors, Buddy Powell
- 5. Biennial Workshop Convener: Bob Bonde and Nicole Adimey
- 6. Invited Experts: Ellen Hines, John Reynolds
- 7. Members of Regional Groups
- 8. Executive committee: 1 to 6



Function



Role of Regional Groups

- 1. Define the objective of the group
- 2. Identify issues of concern
- 3. Work with the listing authority to revise status of species
- 4. Provide an annual regional report to Sirenews
- 5. Work with executive (committee?) to develop strategies (including funding) for dealing with critical issues or needs

Strategies

- Implement actions under UNEP-CMS dugong MoU: This is universal and range states are obliged to undertake certain tasks – So why any change or modification?
- Go for SWOT analysis and identify concerns for your state/ area of research
- Communicate with IUCN-SSC-SSG and UNEP-CMS on how to handle it.
 Funding or expertise issues!
- Inform Listing Authority to review and revise status of the species in your country
- Regional co chairs will develop and distribute a brief reporting template for your contribution. Kindly fill in the form for your country and send the same back to co-chairs for Sirenews reporting.
- Executive Committee will be reported of your concerns and need by the regional co chairs for information and suggestion / solution to your problem.

Regional Group-Indian Ocean

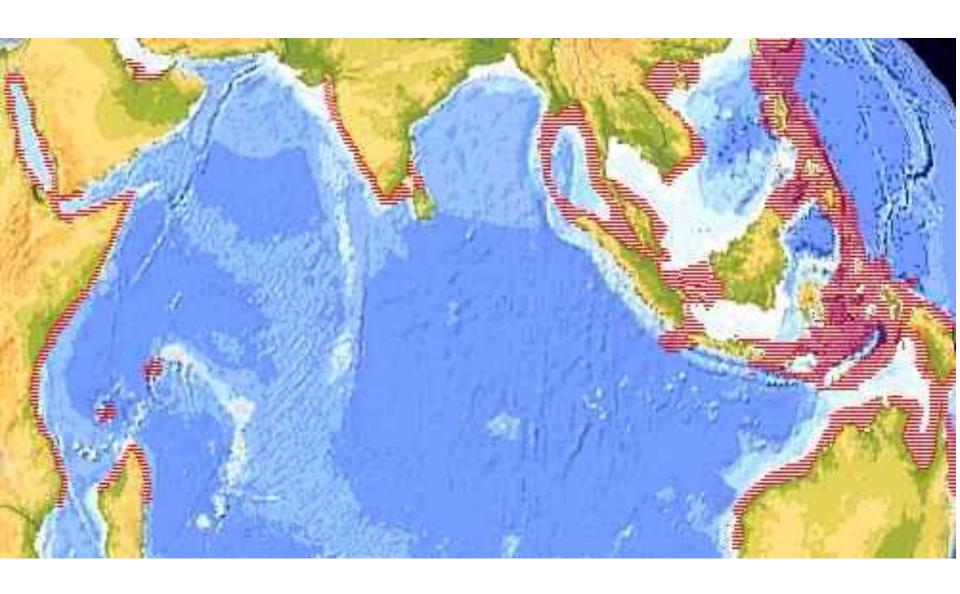
Co-Chairs

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Range States

- Approximately 75 % of dugong range states with around 15% of global dugong population (in contrast to 25% of range states with 85% of dugongs)
- Mostly developing countries
- Poor legal framework for protection of dugongs
- High rate of by-catch and vessel strike
- Lack of resources to implement conservation actions



Members

As per the present list

- List provided by the Group Co Chair on the basis of the initial response to Sirenews notice
- Notable omissions
- Only 11 members from the region

Those who volunteered / considered

- Viv Cockcroft, Mozambique
- Marisa, Japan
- Toshio Kasuya
- Nicholas Pilcher
- Kanjana Adulyanukosol, Thailand
- Almeida Guissamulo, Mozambique
- Lem Aragones, Philippines
- Kumaran Sathasivam, India

Membership Drive

We must look for

- New Members from each member country (at least 2 from each country)
- Plus invited members who have worked in the region
- Need to meet the criteria (qualification and experience)
- Process involves,
- Nomination/selection
- Invitation
- Agreeing to join

Countries of Indian Ocean

- Not limited to
- Arabian Region
- East and Northern Africa
- India Ocean, Indo-pacific up to Japan