

IOSEA QUESTIONNAIRE – 2011 *

NATIONAL NETWORKS / COMMITTEES FOR MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION (Pursuant to Objective 6.4 of the IOSEA CMP)

Signatory State:

Myanmar

IOSEA Focal Point (or name of person completing this form)

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National network or Committee (give the name, if applicable):

Not yet

Brief Description / Status / Terms of Reference: (Is the network/committee formally designated by legislation, ministerial accord, MoU or some other administrative formality? Or is it an *ad hoc* organisation?)

Not Yet

Lead agency / organisation / institution:

Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

Representation in the national network / committee (list all members):

- **Government agencies:**
 - Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
 - Forest Department, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry
 - Ministry of Education
- **Academic and research organizations:**
 - Zoology Department and Marine Science Department under Universities in Myanmar
- **Environmental NGOs:**
 - BANCA and WCS
- **Development and human rights NGOs:**
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- **Fisheries sector:**
 - Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
- **Tourism sector:**
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- **Other private sector:**
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- **Others:**
 - Local Authorities and Fishers Communities

Specific resources for developing and maintaining the network / committee:

Means of communication (e.g. meetings, conference calls, email etc.)

E-mail,Phone

Number of meetings / conference calls held each year:

- **2006:** 1
- **2007:**
- **2008:**
- **2009:**
- **2010:**
- **2011:**
- Department of Fisheries conduct meeting, training, awareness and educational campaign in local level occasionally

Most important topics of discussion (past / current):

- a. Fishing activities
- b. Degradation of environment (eg. sand lost, lost of feeding ground, sand temperature high, etc.)
- c. Egg poaching
- d. Sub urban development and civilization
- e. Coastal zone development
- f. Communities participation
- g. Law enforcement
- h. Awareness programme
- i. Capacity building
- j. Hatching and hatchling releasing
- k. Research

Most important advances and contributions resulting from the work of the network / committee:

Most important challenges and difficulties encountered by network / committee:

- a. Budget
- b. Facilities

Plans for the future functioning and development of the network / committee:

Under preparation:

- a. Organizing the concerned people to cooperate in the conservation activities
- b. Communities participation
- c. Collect data on population
- d. To get feedback from the different levels in the coastal areas
- e. To cooperate more with local authorities and other relevant organizations which participate in the conservation activities
- f. To promote the cooperation between inshore fishing entrepreneurs, fishermen, local fishermen, local people regarding the sea turtle conservation
- g. Knowing the nesting beach and landing period for appropriate species
- h. Avoid disturbances that may disrupt turtles from visiting the beach for nesting
- i. Creation of ambient environment for the turtle for nesting on the beach
- j. Safe guard the turtles visit to the beach and protect the eggs from exploitation for delicacy food and utilizing turtle products for handy crafts and utilities
- k. Secure turtle beaches especially in the nesting period from turtle hunters and other activities carried out the beach
- l. Enhance the awareness program of the community people on conservation, and render protection and prevention of sea turtle.
- m. Promote law enforcement
- n. Capacity building for governmental staff

Other comments:

Insufficient Funding to conduct the meetings and workshops.

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