

STATUS OF NATIONAL NETWORKS / COMMITTEES

Signatory State: Thailand

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National networks or committees:

Not formally established yet

Status:

Ad hoc meetings were set up in order to consider a national conservation action plan.

Lead agency / organization / institution:

Department of Marine and Coastal Resources

Representation in the national network / committee:

- **Government agencies:**
 - Department of Marine and Coastal Resources
 - Department of Fisheries
 - Department of National Parks, Plants and Wildlifes
 - Royal Thai Navy
 - Local community authorities
- **Academic and research organizations:**
 - Prince of Songkhla University
 - Kasetsart University
- **Environmental NGOs:**
 - WWF Thailand
 - Naucrates, Italy
- **Development and human rights NGOs:**
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- **Private sector:**
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- **Fisheries:**
 - Local fisheries groups
- **Tourism:**
 - Diving organisation

- **Others:**
 - Some hotels

Specific resources for developing and maintaining the network / committee:

Means of communication:

Meetings

Number of meetings held:

- **2006:** 2
- **2007:** 2
- **2008:** 3

Most important topics of discussion:

A common strategy for sea turtle management among responsible organisations.

Most important advances and contributions of the network / committee's work:

Development of a national action plan to protect nesting beaches and apply management guidelines for sea turtle hatcheries.

Most important challenges and difficulties in the network / committee's work:

- Turning and persuading ideas of conservation and management into the same direction.
- Implication of the plans for stakeholders

Plans for the future development of the network / committee:

- Developing a complete national action plan for sea turtle conservation.
- Declaration of protected areas for sea turtles e.g. foraging, nesting grounds.
- MoU among major concerned organisations to adopt a national action plan.

Other comments: