

Abstract

SESSION 2:

Accelerating Actions for Sustainable Development and Climate Change

WORKSHOP 2.1:

Scaling up ICM: Innovations and Impacts at Local, National and Regional Levels

Building Community Resilience through ICM Approaches

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The Mangrove for the Future (MFF) Programme was established in response to the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, as a partnership-based initiative to promote investment in coastal ecosystem for sustainable development. MFF provides a collaborative regional platform for concerted action in support of Integrated Coastal Management (ICM). The MFF mission is to promote healthier, more prosperous and secure future for all coastal communities through a partnership - based, people-focused, policy-relevant and investment-orientated approach.

MFF recognizes Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) as an important approach for achieving the goal of building resilience in coastal ecosystems and communities. In this respect MFF recognizes that building the capacity of coastal management practitioners at local, national and regional levels is central to achieving its goal. Coastal management practitioners include all stakeholder groups and institutions involved in managing coastal ecosystems; government, civil society groups, private sector, research and academic institutions.

MFF has been running an annual ICM regional post graduate certificate course in partnership with the Asia Institute of Technology (AIT) and the Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project (BOBLME) since 2007. To date MFF has trained over 140 alumni from across 11 countries, with participants ranging from university lecturers, government employees and NGOs. Since 2014, MFF lecturers from universities interested in adopting the ICM course into their academic programmes to attend the course. Over the next years the course will become a permanent professional course recognized and supported by other regional programmes and by the countries of the region, as evidenced by their interest to provide human and financial resources for the course, and adopting the course into their own programmes.



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About Bui Thi Thu Hien:

Mrs. Bui Thi Thu Hien, Marine and Coastal Resources Programme Coordinator and MFF National Coordinator at IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature (Viet Nam Office). As Coordinator of the IUCN Vietnam Marine and Coastal Program, she coordinated all key activities under the programme that included: (1) Provision of technical and policy support to the implementation and development of Vietnam's National System of Marine Protected Areas; (2) Supports Viet Nam the development and implementation the Marine Turtle Conservation Action Plan (MTCAP) with its priority activities that focuses on community based marine turtle conservations; (3) Provide technical assistance to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ha Long Bay World Heritage Site Management Department; (4) Supported and coordinated the development and implementation on building capacity on Integrated Coastal Management for Quang Ninh and Hai Phong; and (5) Since 2010, coordinated Viet Nam Mangroves for the Future Initiative (MFF) with its priorities focused on Climate Change adaptation following ecological system based approach. Consider coastal ecological system is nature infrastructure and the core element for coastal area resilience.