

ANNA UNIVERSITY DECLARATION FOR FORMING A CONSORTIUM WITH NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE COASTAL MANAGEMENT, ANNA UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI AS THE HUB ON JUNE 21, 2010.

WE the representatives of the identified research Institutes in each of the coastal States and Union Territories who witnessed the Ceremony held in Anna University, Chennai, that involved signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Anna University, Chennai and the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF), Government of India for establishment of National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) on June 21, 2010 :

Based on the principle of mutual benefit and reciprocity, both MOEF & NCSCM institutions are committed to:

Affirming the need and the responsibility on all to protect and preserve the marine environment for present and future generations,

Recognizing the interdependence of human populations on the coastal and marine environment, and the growing threat from the land and shore based developmental activities and possible impacts of climate change, to both human health and well-being and the integrity of coastal and marine ecosystems and biodiversity,

Further recognizing the importance of integrated coastal area management and the catchment area-based approach as means of coordinating programmes aimed at preventing marine degradation from land and shore based activities with economic and social development programmes,

Also recognizing that the eradication of poverty is an essential factor in addressing the impacts of land-shore based activities on coastal and marine areas,

Acknowledging the need to involve all stakeholders to address conservation, protection and prevent degradation of the marine environment from developmental activities,

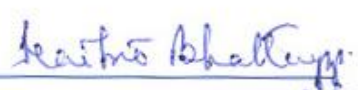
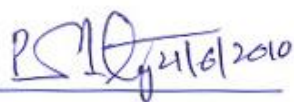


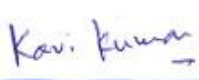

Appreciating the initiative of the Ministry of Environment and Forests in launching a major programme on Coastal management and the World Bank in extending assistance for implementing the Integrated Coastal Management Project,

The Collaborating Institutes hereby declare their commitment to protect and preserve the marine environment and protect the livelihood security of local communities, and

Representatives from each of the coastal States and Union Territories declare their intention to do so by:

1. Forming a Consortium with the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management with Anna University Chennai as the Hub.
2. Preparing an immediate preventive and remedial action, wherever possible, using existing knowledge, resources, plans and processes for conservation and protection of the coastal environment and safeguarding the livelihood of local communities who depend upon the resources from the coastal and marine areas.
3. Promoting access & undertaking high quality targeted research in the area of coastal and marine area management and facilitating transfer of technology and information.
4. Collecting compiling and disseminating information in the area of coastal and marine environment management through networking among States/ Institutions.
5. Encouraging cooperative and collaborative action and partnerships, among governmental institutions and organizations, communities, the private sector and non-governmental organizations, which have relevant responsibilities and/or experience.
6. Assisting institutional strengthening and human resources development for capacity building in ICZM.

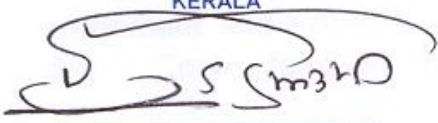
Declaration signed by Representatives of each of the coastal states and Union Territories:

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 M.S. SWAMINATHAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION TAMIL NADU	 MADRAS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS	 PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY PUDUCHERRY



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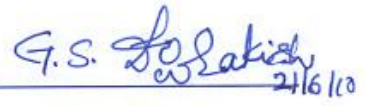


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Signed in the presence of:



Prof. P. Mannar Jawahar
Vice Chancellor
Anna University Chennai

Chennai, June 21, 2010