

Extract of page 1 and 2 of the Memorandum of Association (MOA)/ BYE-LAWS is given below:

### **Principles and Objectives**

NCSCM established by the Society of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (SICOM) of the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) shall act as an autonomous body for achieving the following objectives:

- A. To strive to become and remain a World-class knowledge institution pertaining to understanding coastal zones and coastal processes, and pertaining to integrated planning and management of coastal and marine areas; by means of the following:
  1. Undertaking and promoting applied and futuristic research relevant to integrated planning and management of the coastal and marine areas of the country;
  2. Carrying out interdisciplinary and participatory research related to ecosystem goods and services of the coast and the marine areas, including a specific focus on research for wellbeing of coastal and island communities in India;
  3. Developing the requisite knowledge partnerships and networks on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) practices with research institutions within and outside India to achieve the above objectives;
  4. Provide opportunities to young researchers to advance their capacity and skills in applied research in coastal and marine area management, with the aim to build the requisite national capacity for ICZM;
  5. Providing policy, research and advisory support to other countries and/or international agencies as may be advised by the Union Government.
- B. To promote integrated and sustainable management of the coastal and marine areas in India for the benefit and wellbeing of the traditional coastal and island communities; by means of the following:
  1. Support the Union and State Governments in assessing vulnerability of the coastal communities including their life and livelihood; and in developing strategies and frameworks for promoting among the coastal and island communities the requisite resilience and adaptation capacities;
  2. Undertake specific research, analytical activities, dissemination, awareness campaigns and networking to promote the role of women in management of coastal and marine resources; National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) Page 2
  3. Dissemination of knowledge and best practices, communication and awareness with respect to ICZM throughout India in collaboration with other national institutions;
  4. Provide training to Union and State Government staff and officials involved in management of coastal and marine areas in India.

5. Serving as an interface among coastal communities, experts and governments, including providing with and disseminating examples of best practices and guidelines for coastal and marine ecological security, and livelihood security of coastal and island communities.
- C. Advise the Union and State Governments and other associated stakeholder(s) on policy, and scientific matters related to ICZM, by means of the following:
1. Undertaking, at the request of Union and State Governments, impact assessments for protection, conservation, rehabilitation and management of the resources and the biological diversity of coastal and the marine areas;
  2. Providing advanced applied knowledge and advisory support to the Union and State Governments, including (i) analyses of successes and failures in coastal zone regulation and management approaches all over the World with relevance to the Indian context; and(ii) development of guidelines, management tools and analytical models suitable and needed for ICZM applications in the Indian context;
  3. Evaluating and monitoring programs and projects in the coastal and marine areas of India, at the request of the Union and State Governments; and provide integrated scientific, technical, economic and sociological inputs to improve these programs and projects.