

Announcement seminar:

Sea the Future

The importance of marine biodiversity for local livelihoods in West-Africa



Picture: Matthew Parr, 2008

- Date and time:** 1 December 2010, 9:30 – 17:00 hours
- Location:** ‘Foyer’ room of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation (EL&I, former LNV)
Prins Clauslaan 8, 2595 AJ Den Haag
- Organised by:** Working Group Ecology and Development¹

Background

Because of overexploitation, habitat destruction and climate change, marine biodiversity is under increasing pressure worldwide. In the coastal areas of West-Africa, large numbers of people depend on marine biodiversity for their livelihoods. Economic development in this region can therefore only be sustainable if attention is paid to conservation of marine ecosystems.

¹ The Working Group Ecology and Development was established in 1975, and is an independent network of experts sharing knowledge and experience in the field of sustainable development and international nature conservation.

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Seminar

This seminar will discuss how the integration of conservation and sustainable management of marine ecosystems in Dutch international policies can improve the situation for local communities in West-African coastal areas. Practical examples of the successes and challenges in sustainable management of marine ecosystems will be presented by experts from the field such as scientists, policymakers, businesses and NGOs. Ecological, economical and social aspects of relevant Dutch international policies will be discussed. Parallel workshops will focus on the elaboration of necessary actions and steps towards sustainable marine ecosystem management and benefits in terms of improved local livelihoods.

Registration

Participation is free of costs. Registration is possible until 29 November. To register, please fill in the registration form using the following link:

http://www.iucn.nl/iucn_nl_als_platform/werkgroepen/ecologie_en_ontwikkeling/seminar_sea_the_future/

For more information contact Petra Westerlaan, Secretary of the working group: weo@iucn.nl.

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