

Pre-announcement seminar:

Sea the Future

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



Picture: Matthew Parr, 2008

Organised by: **Working Group Ecology and Development***
Date and time: **1 December 2010, 9:30 - 17:00 hours**
Location: **'Foyer' room of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV)**
Address: **Prins Clauslaan 8, 2595 AJ Den Haag**

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.

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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 of 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. The ecological, economical and social sides of the Dutch International policy will be discussed and the necessary actions for integration of sustainable ecosystem management will be identified.

Registration

Participation is free of costs. 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/

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