South Asian Seas Programme

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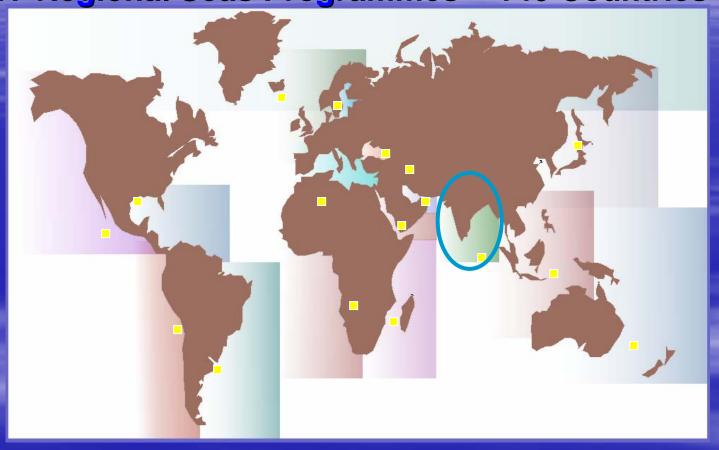
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HISTORY OF SOUTH ASIAN SEAS PROGRAMME

- February 1981 High Level Meeting of SAS Countries decide to develop SAS in the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)
- ➤ 24th May 1983 The Governing Council decision 11/7 noted "...the consultation carried out in accordance with the Council decision 10/20 of 31 May 1982..." and requested "..the Executive Director to designate the South Asian Seas as a region to be included in the regional seas programme.
- FORMAL ADOPTION IN MARCH 1995 at a Meeting of Plenipotentiaries New Delhi March 24th 1995
- > IMPLEMENTATION Came into force only in January 1998. with the signing of the act by the fifth state

SOUTH ASIAN SEAS PROGRAMME

MEMBER COUNTRIES

BANGLADESH

INDIA

MALDIVES

PAKISTAN

SRI LANKA

SOUTH ASIAN SEAS PROGRAMME ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

MINISTERIAL GOVERNING COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

SECRETARIAT

NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

SOUTH ASIAN SEAS TRUST FUND

SOUTH ASIAN SEAS PROGRAMME

PRIORITY PROGRAMME AREAS

Priority Area 1

Integrated Coastal Zone Management

Priority Area 2

Development and Implementation of National and Regional Oil Spill Contingency Planning

Priority Area 3

Human Resources Development Through Strengthening Regional Centres of Excellence

Priority Area 4

Land Based Sources of Marine Pollution

MAJOR COLLABORATORS SO FAR

- UN affiliated organisations such as UNEP, IMO, UNESCO, UNCRD, GPA
- National Focal Points of Member Countries
- European Union, NORAD, South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC), TRAFFIC INTERNATIONAL and Royal Belgium Institute of Natural Sciences
- ICRI, GCRMN, IUCN. IMM, GBRMPA & CORDIO on Coral Related Activities
- Local, National and Regional NGO's such as CEE (India), Development Alternatives (India), BCAS (Bangladesh), SDPI (Pakistan), CARESS (India)
- Efforts have been initiated to develop projects with the Norwegian Water Institute (NIVA), GEF POP's Unit in Nairobi and UN DOALOS



ROJECT AREAS /ACHIEVEMENTS

a Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan and ties

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