

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

SUSTAINABLE USE OF COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES IN KENYA: FROM RESEARCH TO SOCIETAL BENEFITS

October 27-29, 2014, North Coast Beach Hotel, Kilifi County, Kenya

- dedicated to the memory of Professor Philip Polk -
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Kenya aims to be a middle-income - rapidly industrializing - nation by 2030 (Kenya Vision 2030). For a country whose development is largely contingent upon the environment, this vision creates many challenges not only for the sustainability of the ecosystems and the natural resources they provide, but also for mitigating the effects of climate change starting to appear around the country.

This workshop intends to bring together researchers, university teachers and students, policy makers/advisors and other key stakeholders involved in marine science activities with sustainable development relevance for Kenya.

Objectives:

- * to provide insight in some of the most important marine research and education projects and initiatives in Kenya, and in the available Belgian, Kenyan and regional expertise in the various research fields,
- * to discuss needs, challenges and generate ideas, strategies for the sustainable development of Kenya's coast and ocean, concentrating on topics such as overexploitation of fisheries resources, pollution, mangrove degradation, climate change, sustainable aquaculture development and the management of marine protected areas,
- * to identify opportunities for future collaborations.

Output:

- * a roadmap that defines the future research and education priorities in Kenya needed to achieve the sustainable use and management of the coastal and marine resources of Kenya, in line with the nation's development strategies.



"You cannot protect the environment unless you empower people, you inform them, and you help them understand that these resources are their own, that they must protect them."

- Wangari Maathai -



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