ACTIVITIES ON MARINE BIODIVERSITY BY THE SOUTHEAST PACIFIC ACTION PLAN





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The Southeast Pacific region

- five countries: Chile,
 Colombia, Ecuador,
 Panama and Peru
- extends around 9,000km
- regional agreements (n=5)





Major Topics

- 1. marine mammals
- 2. marine turtles
- 3. elasmobranchi fish
- 4. regional network of marine and coastal protected areas
- 5. Invasive alien species
- 6. integrated coastal management

Plan of Action for the Conservation of Marine Mammals in the Southeastern Pacific

- 5 pilot projects on bycatch mitigation (UNEP/CPPS, 2009)
- workshop to review legal aspects of whalewatching (Jan 2010) (CPPS/CCC)
- Observers to the International Whaling Commission (IWC)





Regional Program for the Conservation of Sea Turtles in the Southeast Pacific

- creation of a scientific committee (2008)
- workshop on project design and standardizing methodologies for sea turtle research (Nov 2008)
- MoU with the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC) (2009)
- supporting regional symposia (2007-2009)







Regional Network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of the Southeast Pacific

- V Meeting of the Ad-hoc Group of Experts (Programme of work, 2008)
- Workshop on Governance,
 Management and Sustainable
 Financing of MCPA (Jul 2009)
- network includes 89 MCPA, covering a total of 30 million hectares

Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of Sharks, Rays and Chimeras in the SEP

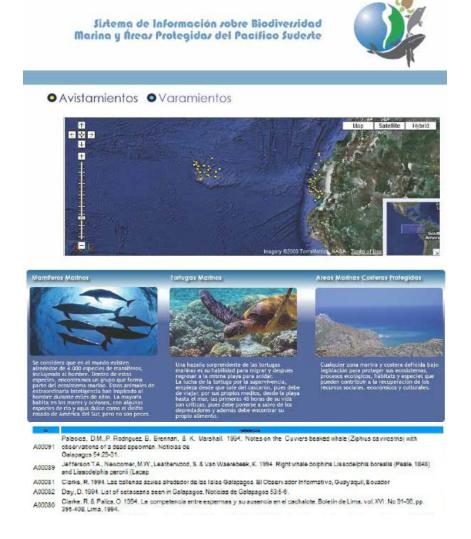
- regional Plan adoption (July 2008)
- Four national workshops Jul-Aug 2009)
- Regional workshop (now!)





Information System on Marine Biodiversity and MCAP -SIBIMAP (IOC/Flanders gob/CPPS)

- bibliographic references, publications, georeferenced data and mapping
- 3 modules: cetaceans, marine turtles and MCPA
- operational in late 2009 (www.sibimap.net)



Southeast Pacific data and Information Network in support to Integrated Coastal Area Management (SPINCAM) (IOC/Flanders/CPPS)

- CPPS coordination office
- 2 regional workshops: 1) creation of the regional steering committee and 2) experiences in developing national indicators (2008)
- 5 national workshops (2009)
- Workshop on regional indicators and II Steering Committee meeting (20-23 Oct, 2009)













Globallast Partnerships Project (GEF/UNDP/IMO)

- CPPS coordination office for the Southeast Pacific and Argentine region
- Regional Task Team (2008)
- Training activities
 - ballast water management (Mar 2009)
 - Port Biological Baseline Surveys in Colombia (Aug 2009)
- II Regional Task Force meeting (2009) (strategy and Action Plan 2009-2012)











Challenges

- Mainstreaming environment
- Address priority biodiversity issues (bycatch, habitat degradation, pollution, overexploitation)
- Consolidate the regional MCPA network
- Stronger compromise in implementing the ecosystembased approach (ICARM, fishing management)





