

BAY OF BENGAL LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM (BOBLME)

Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) adalah projek kerjasama serantau yang melibatkan lapan (8) buah negara di persisiran Teluk Bengal iaitu Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Projek ini dibentuk bertujuan menambahbaik kehidupan penduduk pantai menerusi kerjasama pengurusan perikanan dan alam sekitar di peringkat serantau.

Projek BOBLME ini telah bermula semenjak April 2009 di mana Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) adalah agensi pelaksana (*executing agency*). Jabatan Perikanan Malaysia merupakan agensi penyelaras (National Coordinator) bagi peringkat Malaysia. Ketua Pengarah Alam Sekitar telah dilantik sebagai *Project Steering Committee (Environment)* dan Ketua Pengarah Perikanan sebagai *Project Steering Committee (Fisheries)* untuk Malaysia di bawah projek ini.

Output utama projek BOBLME adalah menghasilkan satu *Strategic Action Programme (SAP)* untuk rantau ini. SAP tersebut telah dipersetujui dan ditandatangani oleh Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani dan Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar pada 28 Ogos 2015.

Mesyuarat BOBLME pada tahun 2016 adalah ***Meeting and Workshop on National Strategic Action Programme (NASP)*** di Pulau Pinang pada 22-23 Februari 2016.

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Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) is a regional cooperation project comprises eight countries surrounding the Bay of Bengal which are Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The aim of Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Project is to improve the lives of the coastal populations through improved regional management of the Bay of Bengal environment and its fisheries.

The BOBLME Project began in April 2009 and Food and Agriculture Organization FAO was the executing agency. Department of Fisheries is the National Coordinator for Malaysia. Director General of Department of Environment and Director General of Department of Fisheries has been appointed as a Project Steering Committee (Environment) and Project Steering Committee (Fisheries) for Malaysia respectively.

The main output of BOBLME Project is to develop regional *Strategic Action Programme* (SAP). This SAP was agreed and signed by the Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment on 28th August 2015.

BOBLME Meeting in year 2016 is *On 22-23rd February 2016, Meeting and Workshop on National Strategic Action Programme (NASP)* was held in Pulau Pinang.