

**IOGOOS REPORT FOR THE I-GOOS VI HELD AT PARIS
DURING MARCH 11-15, 2003**

Background:

- IOGOOS was formally established on November 05, 2002 during the Indian Ocean Conference at Mauritius.
- **Member-Organizations**
 - (i) Australian Bureau of Meteorology, Australia
 - (ii) CSIRO-Marine Research, Australia
 - (iii) Curtin University, Australia
 - (iv) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), India
 - (v) National Institute of Oceanography, India
 - (vi) National Institute of Ocean Technology, India
 - (vii) Iranian National Centre for Oceanography, Islamic Republic of Iran
 - (viii) Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute, Kenya
 - (ix) University of La Reunion, La Reunion
 - (x) Institut Halieutique & des Sciences Marine, University of Toliara, Madagascar
 - (xi) Mauritius Oceanography Institute, Republic of Mauritius
 - (xii) INAHINA, Mozambique
 - (xiii) Interim National Committee for IOGOOS, South Africa
 - (xiv) Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity, South Africa
 - (xv) University of Port Elizabeth, South Africa
 - (xvi) University of Natal, South Africa
 - (xvii) National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency, Sri Lanka
- **Associate Member-Organizations**
 - (i) IOC Perth Regional Programme Office, Australia
 - (ii) NOAA, Office of Global Programmes, USA

- A few more Organizations (from Bangladesh, India and Seychelles) as well as SACEP are expected to become Members shortly.
- Active Interactions are underway with Organizations from Comoros Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Myanmar, Maldives, Qatar, Oman and Yemen. Contacts in Singapore and Somalia are yet to be established.
- **First Annual Meeting of IOGOOS:** The First Annual Meeting of IOGOOS was held on November 08, 2002 at Mauritius, during the Indian Ocean Conference.
- **IOGOOS Executives:** For the first term of two years, the following were elected unanimously:
 - Dr.K.Radhakrishnan (India) for Central Indian Ocean, Chairman
 - Dr. Neville Smith (Australia) for Eastern Indian Ocean, Officer
 - Dr. Johnson Kazungu (Kenya) for East Africa, Officer
 - Mr. Harry Ganoo (Mauritius) for Indian Ocean Islands, Officer
 - Prof. A. T. Forbes (South Africa) for Southern Africa, Officer
- **IOGOOS Secretariat:** INCOIS was chosen to host the Secretariat of IOGOOS for a period of six years and Mr. Tummala Srinivasa Kumar of INCOIS was chosen as the Secretary of IOGOOS for the same period.

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Activities of the IOGOOS Office:

- **Facilities at the Secretariat:** Established a full-fledged Secretariat for IOGOOS at INCOIS with associated facilities such as Computers, Peripherals, Telephone, Fax and Internet. Details for communication are given below:

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- **IOGOOS Regional Report:** Prepared a Regional Report for presentation in the First Regional GOOS Forum and EuroGOOS Conference held at Athens during December 2-6, 2002
- **Television Film:** Produced a Film on “IOGOOS-Synergy in the Indian Ocean” covering the Indian Ocean Conference held at Mauritius during November 2002 and the Indian Ocean Cruise. The film will be telecast in the Indian National Television Channel shortly to improve awareness among people.
- **Membership Register:** IOGOOS Secretariat opened a Membership Register containing the Address, Telephone, Fax and e-mail of each of the Initial Members of the IOGOOS.
- **Bank Account:** IOGOOS Secretariat opened a Bank Account for IOGOOS Central Fund. The details of the account have been circulated to all the Members of the IOGOOS.
- **Subscription Fee:** IOGOOS Secretariat has sent requests to all the Initial Members of the IOGOOS to remit the Annual Subscription Fee of US\$ 500 for the year 2003-2004. Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has already remitted the Membership Fee in the IOGOOS Account. We are expecting the Subscription Fee from the other Members shortly and IOGOOS Secretariat is following up with them.
- **Communication with Potential Members:** During the Indian Ocean Conference at Mauritius, representatives from Bangladesh, Seychelles and South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) expressed interest in becoming Members of the IOGOOS after getting necessary approvals from the concerned authorities. IOGOOS Secretariat sent reminders to them requesting them to expedite the matter and become Members of the IOGOOS. In addition, Oman also expressed interest in becoming Member of the IOGOOS.
- **IOGOOS Logo:** IOGOOS Secretariat took steps to design a LOGO for IOGOOS. Seven options have been designed and circulated to all the Members of the IOGOOS soliciting their comments/suggestions/advise. 8 Members have responded giving their preference and valuable

suggestions. Majority voted (i.e. 5 out of 8) in favour of Logo No: 7 with few modifications. Accordingly all the modifications have been incorporated and the logo is being circulated to all the Members before finally adopting.



- **Web-site:** Content generation for the web-site is under progress. Mails have been sent to all the concerned people requesting them for their inputs regarding the working groups and status of the pilot projects. The website will contain important documents such as IOGOOS MoU, IOGOOS Strategy, Conference Reports, Details of the Indian Ocean conference including list of participants, working groups, pilot projects, etc. Mailing lists for each of the working groups would be provided in the website to facilitate better communication. A preliminary beta version of the site is expected to be ready within a couple of weeks.
- **Pilot Projects:** Pilot Projects that arose out of the Ocean and Climate Observing Workshop and the Coastal Ocean Observing Workshop are under different stages of formulation and the IOGOOS secretariat is in contact with the Chairs/Co-chairs/Rapporteurs/participants of various working groups and development committees to get the status of the proposals.