

1. The Thirteenth Meeting of the MASMA Grantees: Monitoring the Performance of the Approved Projects

Convener: WIOMSA

Venue:

Background

Monitoring and evaluation of the approved project performance is a key component of the Marine Science for Management (MASMA) Programme. This process is achieved through:

- i) Reviewing of the annual monthly progress reports. The MASMA grantees are required to submit to WIOMSA annual progress reports
- ii) Field visits by the Programme Committee (PC) members or experts on the topic. Some of the members of the PC or experts nominated by the PC will make field visits to monitor the implementation of the approved projects
- iii) Annual meetings where project participants are required to attend and present scientific results of their work.

Monitoring and evaluation of the approved projects is essential to both the grantees and the Programme Committee to determine the progress made towards achieving planned objectives and results. It provides an opportunity for timely intervention to assist any project in problem.

The effectiveness of the monitoring and evaluation is dependent on the full collaboration of all individuals involved in the implementation of different components of the approved projects.

The meeting provides an opportunity for the grantees to actively interact with their peers, i.e. the invited experts, members of the Programme Committee as well as the fellow grantees. The experts with varying academic and professional background that is relevant to the subjects covered by all the approved projects will be invited to the meeting as panelists.

Objectives

The main objectives of the Meeting are to:

- Provide an opportunity for grantees to present the results of their work to a wider audience;
- Review and evaluate the performance of the approved projects based on the scientific results generated so far against the research objectives of the projects;
- Provide comments/feedback to the grantees on how the design or implementation of the approved projects could be improved to achieve the desired outcomes;
- Provide an opportunity for the grantees to build networking amongst themselves and with the experts present as well as with the members of the Programme Committee