

MAP Asia Regional Office

The Mangrove Action Project (MAP) established its first regional office in Thailand in 2001, first as the Southeast Asia Office, and then in 2006 broadened to become the MAP Asia Office to oversee projects in both Southeast and South Asia. Presently, MAP Asia is collaborating with partners and / or co-funding projects in Thailand, Cambodia, Burma (Myanmar), India, Andaman Island, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. MAP Asia has also co-organized and co-facilitated nine "In the Hands of the Fishers" (IHOF) and Ecological Mangrove Restoration (EMR) training workshops in Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, India and Sri Lanka.



PMCR - Community Mangrove Restoration Programme



DATE- Community Resource Centre, Tonle Sap

In **Cambodia**, MAP Asia has been partnering with the Participatory Management of Coastal Resources of Cambodia (PMCR) project under the Nature Conservation and Protection Department, Ministry of the Environment on a coastal resources conservation project including mangrove restoration in Koh Kong Province since 2003.

MAP's second partner in Cambodia is Development and Appropriate Technology (DATE) which is working on a project in Tonle Sap, the Great Lake region, to promote the use of improved cookstoves to reduce the cutting of fuel wood in the flooded forest by floating fishing communities. Although the flooded forest of Tonle Sap involves a fresh water ecosystem, it serves a very similar function as mangroves. Work is now expanding on introducing smoke house technology at Tonle Sap, in order to reduce wood consumption from the flooded forest for fish smoking. DATE with MAP support also built a floating Community Resource Centre on Tonle Sap to increase conservation awareness, especially amongst students, but also as a place for community meetings.

The McKnight Foundation has generously supported both MAP projects in Cambodia.

In **Myanmar**, MAP Asia has been networking with the Mangrove Service Network (MSN) for a number of years and this positive mutual relationship is now expanding to on the ground mangrove restoration through a MSN, Diakonie Emergency Aid - Germany supported project in the Ayeyarwady Delta region with the objective to mitigate global climate change and sea level rise.



MSN - Children Mangrove Planting



Ecological Mangrove Restoration Training, Andhra Pradesh, India

MAP Asia has collaborated and networked with a number of NGOs in **India** over the years and most recently with Coastal Poor Development Action Network (COPDANET) in Tamil Nadu, Sandhan Foundation in Orissa, and Coastal Community Development Programme (CCDP) in Andhra Pradesh. The focus of these projects has involved partners developing Community Coastal Resource Centres in Orissa, Tamil Nadu, and the Andaman Islands based on MAP's promotion of the Small Fishers of Sri Lanka (SFFL) CCRC model near Chilaw. Work has also focused on environmental education, mangrove restoration, and training on Ecological Mangrove Restoration (EMR).

In **Sri Lanka**, MAP's long term partner the Small Fishers Federation (SFFL) has been the focus of the CCRC model concept which has now expanded to other countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America and was an important training facility for three of MAP's IHOF workshops. SFFL has also been the host of a MAP Eco-study tour, and helped undertake a MAP study in Better Practices in Shrimp Aquaculture, as well as implemented several alternative livelihood projects. MAP-Asia has recently partnered with Sewalanka Foundation to organize two workshops in Sri Lanka-- a national and community-based training on Ecological Mangrove Restoration (EMR).



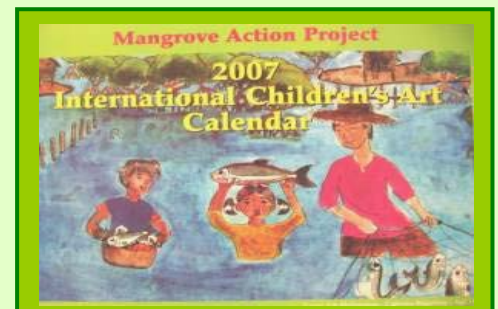
SFFL - Kiralakele Mangrove Resource Centre, Sri Lanka



Mangrove Activity Day Koh Pra Thong, Thailand

MAP-Asia is now undertaking an Environmental Education project at Phra Thong Island, in Phang Nga Province in southern **Thailand** in partnership with Naucrates Onlus, an Italian NGO working on sea turtle conservation and mangrove conservation. At Phra Thong MAP has also co-funded and assisted Naucrates with a post tsunami Ecological Mangrove Restoration (EMR) project in a heavily damaged mangrove with high bio-diversity. MAP Asia in collaboration with Wetlands International - Thailand Programme is now in the planning stage of undertaking a larger EMR project in Krabi province which will be used as a model for future EMR trainings.

MAP Asia has also co-managed the annual **MAP Children's Art Contest** and resulting Mangrove Art Calendar project in Asia since it began. The MAP Eco-study tour has twice been organized by MAP-Asia, which has also assisted some international students doing research on coastal resource issues. A number of media persons, including film producers, have been assisted and facilitated via MAP Asia's staff. Extensive networking throughout the Asia region has been an overall priority for the MAP Asia Office since it was established.



MAP calendar-- artwork by children in mangrove areas around the world

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Jim Enright – Asia Regional Coordinator



Jim has been the main organizer and facilitator of MAP's "In the Hands of the Fishers" (IHOF) program, starting with the first workshop in Trang, Thailand in 1999. Since then, MAP has led 10 regional "fisherfolk to fisherfolk" workshops in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Jim has co-organized and co-facilitated four Ecological Mangrove Restoration (EMR) technical training workshops in India and Sri Lanka. He also oversees MAP's field projects with partners in Thailand, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and India. Before joining MAP in 2000, he spent 7 years working with coastal resource issues in Thailand, as a national park interpreter in Khao Sam Roi Yot, Thailand's first coastal national park, and with the Thai NGO Yadfon Association, which promotes community-based coastal resource management (CBCRM) with coastal fishing communities in Trang. Jim has an honors degree in Environment Resource Studies with a speciality in international development. He is based in Trang, southern Thailand, and speaks conversational Thai.

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Ning oversees MAP's environmental education program at Koh Phra Tong, Phang Nga. Ning joined MAP in 2006 and comes with 4 years experience in project management and coordination of action research related to mangrove and community-based natural resource management as a project coordinator and field researcher for the Regional Community Forestry Training Center for Asia and Pacific (RECOFTC). She also has 9 years experience in participatory mapping and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for natural resource management, including field application, training curriculum development and training of trainers. While with Greenpeace she was involved in environmental education for children.

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Sarah joined MAP as a volunteer from the UK in March 2008. She is working with Ning on the environmental education programme and assisting in writing funding proposals, fact sheets and helping with the 2009 Children's Calendar Art Contest. Sarah graduated with an MSc in Tropical Coastal Management from Newcastle University in 2006 and conducted her research into mangrove food webs at the Ranong Coastal Resources Research Centre. She has past experience in Thailand as an EFL teacher and volunteering on aquaculture projects. She has a keen interest in mangrove ecology and community resource management and MAP is providing her with an opportunity to gain valuable office and field experience.

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