

LOICZ Regional Node South Asia

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New LOICZ Regional Node South Asia was officially opened on 7 Dec 2009

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!!! NEW !!! Website for the South Asia Node is online!

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Ramesh Ramachandran is the Director of the Institute for Ocean Management, Anna University, Chennai, India.

Ramesh's expertise includes coastal ecosystem biogeochemistry and coastal zone management. He received his MPhil and PhD in Environmental Sciences from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and a second PhD in Marine Sciences from the McGill University, Canada. After gaining research experience at Harvard University, Max-Planck-Institute für Chemie, and the University of Newcastle, Ramesh focused and furthered his research on measurement of trace gases CH₄, N₂O and CO₂ and the processes governing their production and emissions. For the past decade, Ramesh has been involved in coastal zone management capacity building and planning by creating curriculum for Masters in Coastal Management, training and an e-learning module on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in collaboration with several international Institutions.

His primary focus on LOICZ-related research includes regional synthesis on the river basins of South Asia with particular focus on the Catchment-Coast-Continuum. Ramesh aims to strengthen and focus the existing research capabilities towards the three priority topics identified by LOICZ into a unified national strategy for future coastal research in India.

About the LOICZ Regional Node South Asia



In August 2009, the South Asia Node of LOICZ was officially initiated in India, with Anna University Chennai as its hub. The focus of the South Asia node is to bring together a large network of individuals and institutions involved in coastal research under the umbrella of LOICZ in India and other Asian countries.



People on the Poompuhar Beach

Mandate

The mandate of a LOICZ Regional Node is to facilitate a “Synthesis of patterns of change and trajectories in the region’s coast and implications to policy and management”. A LOICZ Regional Node should develop a Regional Implementation Strategy based on the scientific framework provided by the LOICZ Science Plan and the mid-term Priority Topics.



Coastal village affected by tsunami near Kalpakkam, India

Development of a dedicated website for the South Asia Node has been initiated and work is currently underway to include land-ocean related information for South Asia.

Website for the South Asia Node

UGC Award for Excellence in Environmental Science

India's University Grant Commission (UGC) recently bestowed the prestigious UGC National Swami Pranavananda Saraswati Award in Environmental Science and Ecology to Prof. Dr. Ramesh Ramachandran, Director, Institute for Ocean Management, Anna University Chennai. This award is presented for his outstanding and scholarly contribution in the chosen field of research.