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Stephen has been associated with the Coastal Resources Center since its creation in 1971, and has served as its director since 1975. From 1985 - 2003, Stephen was the international director of the Coastal Resources Management Program sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development. That program is widely recognized as a pioneer in developing a learning-based, issue-driven approach to the management of coastal ecosystems through long-term programs in Latin America, East Africa and Southeast Asia. He has worked with the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the United Nations Development Program on their coastal management initiatives. Stephen is regarded as one of the leading authorities worldwide on coastal governance.

Stephen is a member of the Committee on International Capacity Building for the Protection and Sustainable Use of Oceans and Coasts sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences.

He is also a member of Scientific Steering Committee of the Land Ocean Interactions In the Coastal Zone (LOICZ) Program. This is one of the global programs sponsored by the International Geosphere Biosphere Program. **He leads the working group on the governance dimensions of ecosystem change in coastal regions.**

He is an Affiliated Professor of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island (URI).