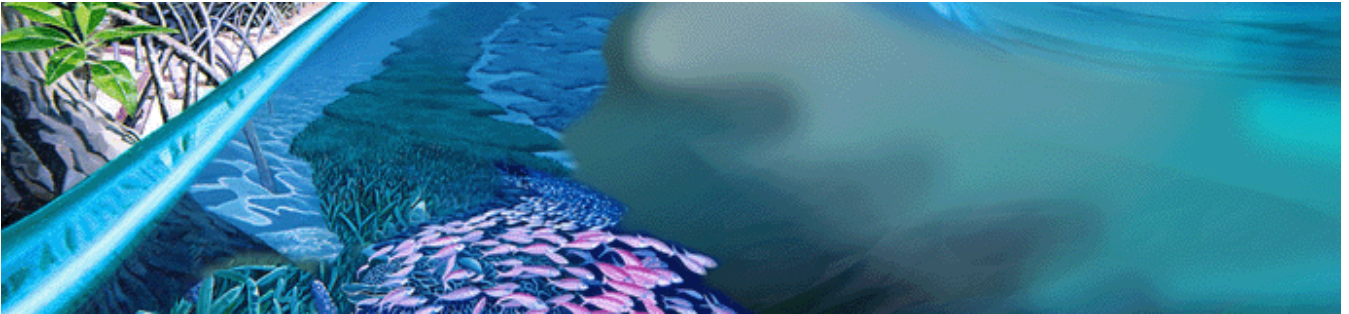


CAPACITY BUILDING



LOICZ is a global project and recognizes that global problems need solutions on multiple scales. The "act local, think global" concept is central to the LOICZ capacity-building philosophy.

LOICZ contributes to an International programme for capacity building and training for postgraduate water and coastal management.

As a science-based project LOICZ aims to inform the decision making towards sustainable management of coastal socio-ecological systems. The capacity building and training activities target coastal and river basins managers who usually bridge between academic knowledge and policy.

In the age of the "Anthropocene", it is hoped that the next generation of managers have a thorough appreciation of the holistic water continuum scale.

LOICZ, working through the Erasmus Mundus project provides opportunities and studentships for young scientists from all over the world to study in the program. The LOICZ IPO has hosted Interns who worked on nutrient budgets and on typology methods. Various SSC members have hosted young researchers in LOICZ projects. Furthermore, the LOICZ science community and in particular past and present members of the LOICZ SSC provide research opportunities and a growing number of developed capacity building modules (tools, models, methodologies).

This is actively supported by the program on Communicating Science. (e.g. R&S Report 31)

A growing number of LOICZ experts have been scholars within the Erasmus Mundus project, and even more members of the SSC will participate in the next year.