

LOICZ

Land-Ocean Interactions in The Coastal Zone (LOICZ) in Southeast Asia

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Abstract

Land-ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zone (LOICZ) is considered to be the most attractive IGBP project for marine scientists in Southeast Asia. The reason is undoubtedly due to the long coastline of the two large oceans, namely the Pacific and Indian Oceans. The oceanography of the southeast Asian Seas is considered to be complicated and they might play a very important role in the regional and the global climate changes.

During the START Regional Meeting for Southeast Asia at Chiang Mai during 13-17 January 1992, the draft foci of LOICZ were discussed among the ASEAN marine scientists and research topics were listed under each heading. The research groups and institutions which could be involved in research on the above topics were also identified. Some suggestions and overall recommendations for strengthening regional collaboration were also discussed.