

- (b) Establish advisory bodies for broad consultation to stimulate participation with local administrations, the business community, the academic sector, user groups and the general public.
- (c) Include institutional capacity building in agreements between development aid bodies and developing country institutions.(66)

18. Coastal States could organize training and extension programmes for resources users including fishermen, women, and incorporate ocean issues and management in educational curricula and public awareness campaigns. Indigenous peoples could be supported to maintain and apply their traditional knowledge of the coastal environment and marine resources.(67)

19. Relevant global and regional agencies should cooperate with coastal countries in improving the scientific, technological, professional and related institutional capacities.

- (a) Identify existing capabilities and existing facilities within the countries of the region; determine the needs of human resources, the scientific and technological infrastructure required and potential for expansion in regional marine and coastal areas research, training, management and technologies.
- (b) Establish and maintain regional centres capable of assisting countries in analyzing information and assessing the principal environmental problems, in reinforcing surveillance and implementing environmental impact assessment and monitoring programmes with predictive capabilities.
- (c) Prepare national and regional contingency and emergency plans, standard techniques for monitoring species and habitats and develop geographic information systems for spatial planning in coastal areas. To establish the appropriate legislation to protect the marine and coastal ecosystems.
- (d) Create special programmes to assist island States to integrate environment and development in the planning process for their limited areas and resources.
- (e) Establish programmes on marine environmental education and enhance public awareness of the role of the marine environment for society.(68)

Means of Implementation/Resource Requirements

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- a) Development of human resources, regional and international institutions related to the subject should help developing island countries to improve their scientific and technical capacities for the integrated management of their coastal areas and EEZs, according to the following:
 - Define and implement regional training programs on integrated management of coastal areas and EEZs with the participation of local and regional research centres, as well with the native communities.
 - Establish geographical information networks as a support for activities related to the integrated management of coastal and marine areas.