

## Forum Programme

**20/21 April** Overseas participants arrive Colombo (late pm/early am arrivals will overnight at Galle Face Hotel, or similar hotel in Colombo, details to be advised by IUCN Sri Lanka).

### 21 April

07.45 hrs Colombo to Ahungalla (by road)

10.15 hrs Check in at Heritage Hotel

**11.00-12.30 Forum Inauguration**  
(see “Inaugural Session” hand-out for details)

12.30-13.30 Lunch (Heritage Hotel)

**13.30-17.15 Session 1: Capacity and Information Needs**

Chair: Ms. Aban Krabaji, IUCN

Facilitator Dr. Sergio Feld, UNDP RCB

Lead rapporteur: Mr John Poulsen, IUCN/MFF

**PoW 7.1: Capacity Development and Training Needs**  
(Dr Amaratne Yakupitiyage, AIT)

**PoW 1.1: Gap Analysis of Information Needs**  
(Mr Keith Forbes, FAO consultant)

**Presentation “Towards an MFF Communications Strategy – progress and issues for discussion”**  
(Mr Michael Dougherty, IUCN/MFF)

**17.15-17.30 Summing up** (Sergio Feld and John Poulsen)

19.00 Welcome Dinner hosted by MFF (details to be announced)

## 22 April

- 08.30-12.00 Session 2: Valuing, Financing and Managing Coastal Conservation**  
Chair: Mr. WRMS Wickramasinghe (NCB SL)  
Facilitator: Dr Ali Raza Rizvi (IUCN ELG-2)  
Lead Rapporteur: Dr. Samarakoon (consultant)
- PoW 4.1: Environmental Valuation**  
(Saima Baig, consultant)
- PoW 10.1: Sustainable Financing Mechanisms**  
(Laura Meadors, consultant)
- PoW 13.1: Marine and Coastal Protected Area Gap Analysis**  
(Emily Corcoran, consultant)
- 12.00-12.30 Summing up** (Dr Ali Raza Rizvi and Dr Samarakoon)
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch (Heritance Hotel)
- 13.30-17.00 Session 3: Governance and Climate Change**  
Chair: Ms. Marcia Kran, UNDP RCB  
Facilitator: Dr Gernot Brodnig, UNDP RCB  
Lead Rapporteur: Bhujang Dharmaji, UNEP/MFF consultant
- PoW 11.1: MFF and Governance Mechanisms**  
(Ms Patricia Moore and Dr Kobkun Rayanakorn)
- Addit. PoW: MFF and Climate Change**  
(Mr Tim Boyle and Ms Serena Fortuna)
- 17.00-17.30 Summing up** (Dr Gernot Brodnig and Mr Bhujang Dharmaji)

Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (details to be announced)

## 23 April

- 08.30-17.00 approx. Field trip**  
(to nearby coastal areas and Galle World Heritage Site/alternative shorter visit to RAMSAR Site only)

Afternoon and evening free for Side Events\*

## 24 April

### 09.00-12.30 **Session 4: MFF Country Working Groups**

The WGs will integrate PoW results and recommendations into the MFF National Strategies and Action Plans (each country group will consist of NCB representatives, UNDP and IUCN Focal Points, MFF Consultants and/or Secretariat Representatives).

Each Country Working Group will appoint a **Chairperson** and **Rapporteur**.

12.30-13.30 Lunch

### 13.30-17.00 **Sessions 5: National Strategies and Action Plans**

Co-Chairs: Mr Anders Granlund, SENSEA

Mr. Knut Laksa, NORAD

Facilitator: Dr. Don Macintosh, MFF Coordinator

Lead Rapporteur: Mr Tim Greenhow, consultant

### **Presentation of revised National Strategies and Action Plans, other recommendations, by country (in Plenary)**

(NCB representatives – 30 mins per country)

### 17.00-17.30 **Final Summing Up and Way Forward**

Mr Kent Jingfors (IUCN, ARO)

**Vote of Thanks – End of the Forum.**

## 25 April

**Additional day** for donors, MFF consultants and MFF Secretariat staff to visit coastal field sites/other work.

### \* **Side events**

to be advised during the Forum (these may include short technical sessions, a Knowledge workshop, group meetings for the UNDP and IUCN Focal Points, donor consultation, etc.).