

## Summary

### **National Training Programme on “Blue Economy with special focus on Marine Tourism and Audit of SDG-14 and related SDGs” from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at iCED Jaipur**

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED) organized National Training Programme on “**Blue Economy with special focus on Marine Tourism and Audit of SDG-14 and related SDGs**” from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at its own campus. A total of 14 participants from 06 field offices including 04 group officers, participated in the Training Programme.



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During this Five days’ Training Programme, 08 experts from IA&AD as well as reputed organizations such as like National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai; The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi; ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi; BITS Pilani (Goa); ICAR-CIFT, Kerala; NCCR, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India and Pondicherry University; were invited to deliver the sessions on various aspects of Blue Economy in auditing perspective. Teaching methods during the Training Programme included formal lectures and in addition, a study trip was also organised at Kishan Bagh, Jaipur. Details of the trainers and the session(s) delivered during this Training Programme are as follows:

Sl. No.	Session(s)	Trainer(s)
1.	Blue Economy - Role of Ocean Governance, Science, Information Services and Ocean Accounting	Dr. R. Venkatesan, Former Scientist G & Head Ocean Observation, National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai

2.	An Overview of Blue Economy: Multi-Dimensional Perspective	Dr. Manish Anand, Senior Fellow TERI, New Delhi
3.	Environmental Impacts of Mari-culture Expansion	Dr. V.V.R. Suresh, Pr. Scientist & Head, Mari-culture Division, ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi
4.	Coastal and Marine Tourism: A Sustainability Perspective	Dr. Rudra Prasad Pradhan, Professor, BITS Pilani (Goa)
5.	Sustainability issues in Marine Fisheries and Coastal Ecosystem	Dr. V R Madhu Pr. Scientist, Fishing Technology Division, ICAR- CIFT, Kerala
6.	Measurement of Coastal Water Quality and Marine Pollution with reference to Plastic and Chemical Pollution	Dr. S. R. Marigoudar, Scientist-D, NCCR, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India
7.	Performance Audit of Conservation and Management of Coastal Ecosystems-Experience Sharing	Shri Gautam Gahlaut, Sr.AO O/o Director General of Audit, Environment and Scientific Departments, New Delhi
8.	Framework and Implementation of SDG 14: Conservation of Ocean, Sea and Marine Biodiversity	Dr. K. Sivakumar, Professor, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry

**Team Wise Exercise-**Team Wise Exercise was also given to the participants. All participants were divided into four groups of three/four participants in each group.

Shri P. Sudhakar, DAG, Ms. Radhika Suresh, DAG, Shri Pankaj Vaid, DAG and Shri Anand Nagchandi, DAG represented their groups during this team exercise session.



**Dr. Abhishek Gupta, DG, iCED & Shri Mehul Grover, Director (T&R), iCED with the participants during Group Presentation**

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director

General, iCED evaluated the presentations given by all the groups of the participants during pre-valedictory session.

**Feedback:-** Feedback on course designing, the time required, content, knowledge and its delivery by the resource persons and facilities available at iCED was also collected from the participants through SAI Portal. The average feedback of the participants is 9.35 out of 10, which is very encouraging. Session on “Framework and Implementation of SDG 14: Conservation of Ocean, Sea and Marine Biodiversity” was rated as the best.

**Valediction of the Training Programme-** Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED graced the valedictory session of the National Training Programme. He highlighted that during the



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training programme complexities of the Blue Economy focusing on the potential of marine tourism, the need for biodiversity preservation, and the importance of effective management in line with SDG-14 were examined. Director General Sir hoped that the sharing of experiences and

perspectives during the Training Programme would suitably equip the participants to take the learning process forward.

Dr. Abhishek Gupta Sir thanked to all the resource persons for sharing their experiences with participants. He also thanked all the participants.