



- MPA and coral reef management strategies and approaches should be adaptive, and responsive to results and findings from monitoring programmes as well as science findings;
- Capacity should be built in the region to strengthen coral reef resilience science and management applications, through the Resilience Partnership, its members, and other institutions as appropriate.
- Countries should develop supportive policies for adaptive management of marine ecosystems and the resilience approach, to facilitate the use of resistance/resilience principles in the design and management of MPAs, MPA networks, and their related marine resources

The Coral Reef Experts Group Meeting was organized 19-20 January 2007 in Bentota, Sri Lanka, under the theme “Resilience of ecosystems and natural resource dependent coastal communities in the face of climate change and large-scale perturbations”. The objectives of the meeting were to facilitate peer-to-peer exchange on applying resilience principles in management among key coral reef experts in the region; as well as to develop, define and prioritize regional and national/local resilience projects for implementation.

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The Experts Group Meeting brought together eleven scientists and managers from five countries in South Asia and the Andaman Sea: Indonesia, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and