

resulted in detailed presentations and discussions on the present status of marine resource management and research, and solutions that could help improve conservation efforts. The role of private entrepreneurs and non-profit groups in marine conservation, and an appraisal of conservation education and outreach, were also considered. The importance of environmental education in the islands was stressed during presentations and discussions.

Facilitating a dialogue among the various key government and non-government actors interested in resource management and marine conservation in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands was achieved, and several points of action were established and will be undertaken in the coming months. It was also determined that there was a need for a common platform where all agencies could interact in a meaningful manner. A consensus was reached that such a platform would undertake the following activities:

1. Take marine conservation science to the people of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands– facilitate the dissemination of conservation awareness through the media, with contributions from various institutions/ organisations.
2. Examine the contributions that private entrepreneurs

could offer to enforcement agencies and education initiatives.

3. Find ways to enlist the support of the A&N Administration and government research organisations in marine conservation, research and education initiatives.
4. Create a list of departments and the facilities and staff that they can offer as resource people towards conservation/ research/ education initiatives.
5. Highlight need based research and pointing out gaps for departments or individuals to fill.
6. Investigate the possibility of using AN.net to nest a marine conservation portal.
7. Create a core committee to facilitate collaborative initiatives for marine conservation in the ANI.

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