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MFF Newsletter, June 2015

This newsletter is published every two months by Mangroves for the Future (MFF). MFF is a unique partner-led initiative to promote investment in coastal ecosystem conservation for sustainable development.

Feature story

Shrimp farming: problem or solution?

In Viet Nam's Tra Vinh Province, located in the Mekong Delta, poly-culture methods are helping mangroves make a comeback.

Viet Nam's Mekong Delta is one of the most productive regions in Asia. Located at the south-western tip of the country, this rich patch of land is where the Mekong River drains to the South China Sea. Around 17 million people live in the area, which makes up about a fourth of Viet Nam's rice agriculture area, and contributes half its fisheries output.... [Read more >>](#)



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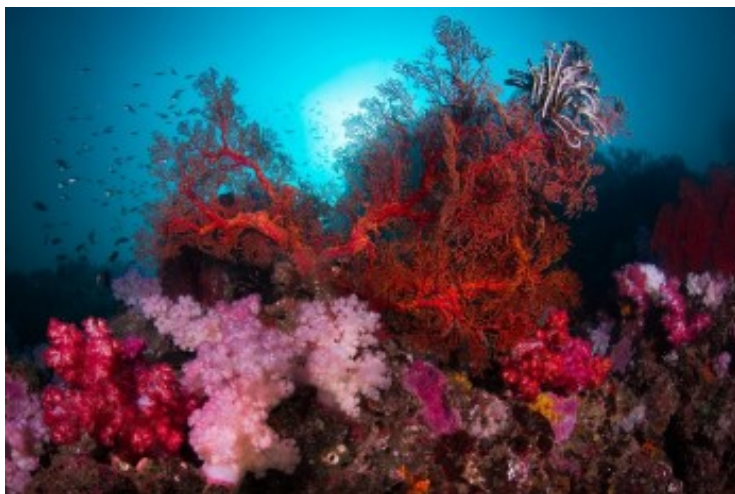
Better business for communities

- Modern storage techniques improve the value of the catch of fishers in Pakistan >>
- New fish drying methods give families in Sri Lanka extra income >>

Protecting nature together

- IUCN and PATA launch partnership on sustainability issues, coastal tourism >>
- Fishers help protect hammerhead sharks in the Seychelles >>
- Communities in Kampot, Cambodia commit to protect their mangroves >>

Perspectives



Protecting oceans will provide big boosts to the economy >>



Sri Lanka pledges to protect all its mangroves >>

People and projects



A model shrimp farm in the Mekong Delta

Get to know Mr Bui Thanh Cong, shrimp farmer and MFF project beneficiary >>

Q & A

What are MFF grants and who is eligible to apply for them?

MFF provides grants for on-the-ground projects that help build resilience of coastal ecosystems and communities.

NGOs, community organizations, academic/research institutes and small-scale businesses which are based in an MFF member country and meet certain published criteria are eligible to apply for these grants.

For more information, please visit the [MFF Grants page](#), or download the [Guidelines for Grant Facilities](#).

Announcements

MFF's Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Course to run from June 8 to July 29. >>

Since its beginnings, MFF's ICM course has trained 142 coastal practitioners around Asia, and has created a valuable network and knowledge pool of coastal management experts.

Mangroves and Climate Change programme review >>

Project experiences and best practice on mangroves and climate change were shared in a recent workshop in Viet Nam.

Did you know?

Fruit from the **red mangrove** is an ingredient in a popular snack. [Read more >>](#)

Mangrove fruit can also be processed into flour and used to make cakes. [Browse recipes >>](#)

Vankalai Wetland Sanctuary in Sri Lanka is home to more than **20,000 water birds**. [Read more >>](#)

The **scalloped hammerhead** is the second most common species caught in artisanal fisheries in the

Seychelles. [Read more>>](#)

The IUCN Mangrove Specialist Group releases first newsletter >>

Photo galleries

Viet Nam's Mekong Delta >>



More mangroves mean better resilience for people living in the vulnerable coasts.

Food from mangroves >>



Sustainable use of mangroves for food can provide livelihoods to communities.

Small scale businesses >>



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