

**Formulation of Research Project Proposals for a newly proposed coordinated Programme on
'Marine GIS'**

To be initiated by Department of Science & Technology (DST)

Natural Resources Data Management System (NRDMS), Division of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, New Delhi, is attempting to initiate a Marine GIS Programme with a view to plan and manage the coastal and near-shore marine environment and its resources for optimum and sustainable utilization. The following broad thrust areas have been identified under the proposed programme:

1. Data acquisition using new/innovative technologies,
2. Development of user-oriented marine data products/information systems and location-specific service packages, which are unique and new,
3. New approaches to data standardization, quality control, structures and visualization of data and data products for marine resources & processes.

All those working in different disciplines of marine sector – Marine Biology, Marine Ecology, Marine Geology & Geophysics, Geomatics, Atmospheric Sciences, Integrated Coastal Zone Management and other related coastal/marine ecosystem functions along the Indian coastline, are invited to generate R&D project proposals for submission to DST.

Interested Researchers/Scientists are invited to submit detailed project proposal(s) along with a brief 2–3 page concept note on the proposed study to Prof. T. Balasubramanian, Director, CAS in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, with a copy to Ms Nisha Mendiratta on or before **15 December 2008**. For further details and the format for the submission of R&D project proposals can be downloaded from the DST URL: <http://www.nrdms.gov.in/> and <http://www.dst.gov.in> or by writing to Ms Nisha Mendiratta.

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