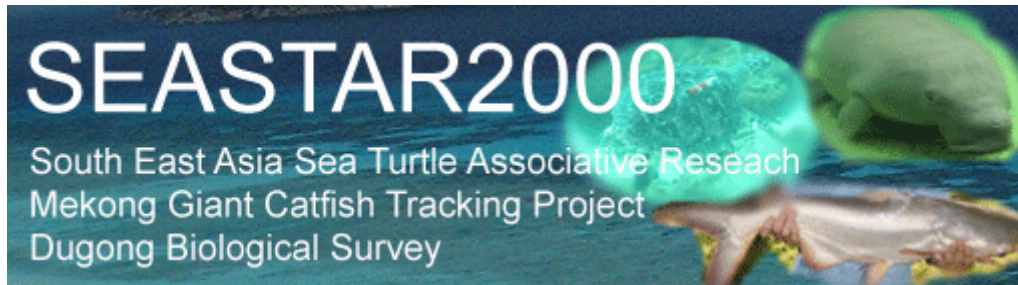


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Forward

I would like to express my deep appreciation to you all for participating in the symposium on SEASTAR2000 and Bio-logging science. The SEASTAR is now in the second stage which started in 2004. The first stage project was supported by a Grant-in-Aid of the Ministry of Education, Sport, Science and Technology in Japan since 2001 and it was successfully finished in the end of 2003 fiscal year. The results of sea turtles were published in our proceedings. In the second stage, the workshop needs to include the various aquatic animal research fields in Asia, as well as sea turtle conservation research. The scientific theme is expanded from sea turtle to marine mammal, fish, environmental problems and bio-logging science. These are very important problems for Asia to urgently start.

The SEASTAR is supported by and linked now to many other big projects and academic scientific groups. This workshop is supported by the Department of Marine and Coastal Resource, the Department of Fisheries of Thailand, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), and the Bangkok Liaison Office. We also established collaborative scientific linkage with Bio-logging Science in Japan, two 21st Century COE Programs of the Kyoto University and Kinki University. The theme of the 21st Century COE Program in Kyoto University project is “Informatics Research Center for Development of Knowledge Society Infrastructure” and Kinki University project is “Center of Aquaculture Science and Technology for Bluefin Tuna and Other Cultivated Fish”.

In the proceedings, there are many papers using bio-logging tools. Behavioral research by bio-logging tools is very useful to aquatic animals. The tools are now applied widely to marine mammals, fish, and other organisms. However analyzed data does not get effectively applied to either conservation or management of resources. I hope that the results of the symposium will increase the activities in various aspects especially biological marine science in Asia and encourage effectively our collaborative research.

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