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Leadership seminar on Caspian Sea and its Deltas Region The International Ocean Institute (IOI) Headquarters and the IOI Caspian Operational Centre organised a Leadership Seminar on Sustainable Development and Regional Security of the Caspian Sea and its Deltas Region. This event was held in Astrakhan, the Russian Federation, during 27-30 May 2003 and was co-sponsored by

the Administration of the Astrakhan Region, the Astrakhan Technical University and the European Union. International experts from various disciplines were invited from the riparian countries as keynote speakers.

The seminar started with a series of presentations on various coastal and marine management issues affecting the Caspian region and other enclosed seas including the Baltic, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. The seminar was then divided into two workshops addressing (a) legal issues; (b) environmental and socio-economic issues. Each workshop provided a set of conclusions and recommendations that were united during the final session. These in-depth discussions provided an extensive overview of the coastal and marine management of the Caspian region, and various recommendations were put forward to improve the existing management practices at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and for improving the state of the coastal and marine environment and the natural resources.

The proceedings of the IOI seminar is planned for publication by the end of 2003. Copies of the Resolutions and Conclusions of the Seminar can be obtained by clicking on the icon below.



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