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GU8 MARINE WORKSHOP

Coastal Environments

- Coastal Developments

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- Coastal nations represented in the GU8 consortium will play key roles in developing new governance programs that incorporate environment and development. This workshop for scholars from GU8 universities will address each of the following:
 1. Examples of coastal environment and development initiatives in GU8 countries;
 2. New policy approaches and management techniques; and
 3. The implications of these developments for marine policy education programs at GU8 universities.

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- Governing coastal regions requires the integration of environment and development.
- Healthy ecosystems create business opportunities.
- US tourism and recreation industries, a primary economic activity along the coast, depend on high environmental quality.
- Well-managed fisheries could be a significant contributor to coastal populations in many parts of the world.
- New energy, aquaculture, and desalinization technologies, if implemented consistent with environmental capacity, create additional opportunities for coastal development.

Thank you