

COLLABORATION FOR INDO-UK RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN MARINE SCIENCE

An agreement was signed between Plymouth Marine Laboratory, UK and Nansen Environmental Research Centre (India) based in Kochi to develop a long-term Indo-UK cooperation in research and higher education. In particular, to:

- Develop and support the exchange of visiting scientists, students and postdoctoral researchers.
- To initiate and develop joint research projects in the field of Marine Science.

The focus of the collaboration will be research topics that have a particular relevance to India including marine ecosystem studies, monsoon and ocean variability, climate change and sea level variations.

NERCI is a non-profit research centre which conducts basic and applied research in ocean and atmospheric sciences.

The agreement was initiated under a Framework FP7 project, [INDO-MARECLIM](#) of the European Commission which is being coordinated by NERCI in India to strengthen the research and education links between Europe and India. Through this agreement, PML has become an Associate partner of Nansen Centre India. The agreement is signed by Prof. Stephen de Mora, Chief executive of PML, Dr. K. Ajith Joseph, Executive Director of NERCI and Prof. N. R. Menon, the co-chairman, NERCI Board of Directors and Coordinator of INDO-MARECLIM project. Prof. Manuel Barange, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Science (PML) and Mr. Christopher Taysom, Director of Finance and Operations (PML), Dr. N. Nandini Menon, Deputy Director of NERCI were present on this occasion.



From left: Dr. Nandini Menon, Dr. K. Ajith Joseph (NERCI) and Prof. Stephen de Mora, Prof. Manuel Barange, Mr. Christopher Taysom (PML) and Prof. N. R. Menon (NERCI)