MCRB Stakeholders Survey

To improve MCRB’s efforts to encourage more responsible business practices in Myanmar, we are running a short stakeholder survey, which should not take more than 15 minutes to complete. Survey deadline 16 February. Thank you for your participation.

Complete Survey

Briefing for Rakhine Advisory Commission

Members of the Rakhine Advisory Commission, chaired by Kofi Annan, invited MCRB and other non-governmental and civil society organisations to brief them on economic opportunities and challenges in Rakhine State on 16 January, prior to their visit to Kyaukphyu. MCRB briefed the Commission on Rakhine’s positive and negative attributes for attracting investment, current regulatory reforms with an impact on investment, and prospects and issues concerned with the oil and gas, and tourism sector.

Read more
**Sector-Wide Impact Assessment (SWIA) Evaluation**

MCRB has conducted four Sector-Wide Impact Assessments (SWIAs) in Myanmar on the Oil and Gas, Tourism, ICT and Mining sectors. In order to assess the effectiveness of the SWIA methodology both in Myanmar and potentially for use elsewhere, and its impact, MCRB is conducting an internal evaluation of the Centre’s Oil and Gas SWIA, and seeking views of relevant stakeholders.

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**Sustainable Tourism in the Myeik Archipelago and Tanintharyi Region**

Following December’s multistakeholder workshop in Dawei, Fauna and Flora International (FFI) and MCRB are providing input into the newly founded Tanintharyi Tourism Development Committee headed by Serge Pun to encourage sustainable tourism in the Myeik Archipelago and Tanintharyi Region.

FFI and MCRB have identified the immediate need for a tourism zoning plan to protect the most sensitive areas damaging from hotel development, while ensuring that ecotourism including diving can support conservation. Environmental and social standards are also needed for tourism infrastructure in the area.

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**Discrimination Briefing Paper**

MCRB’s next Briefing Paper for business will be on Discrimination in the workplace. It will cover discrimination against women, ethnic and religious minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBT, and will aim to provide best practice examples and recommendations to companies. A stakeholder consultation meeting is planned for May.
**Multistakeholder Action on Corruption**

MCRB’s Programme and Communication Officer Phyu Phyu Zin is participating in the Regional Meeting on the Fast-Tracking Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) on 2-3 February in Bangkok. This conference seeks to build and foster partnerships and create a regional platform to fast track the implementation of the in support of Sustainable Development Goal 16 in Southeast Asia. MCRB is interested in hearing from companies, international organisations and civil society who are interested in combatting corruption, to build a network.

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**Myanmar Universal Access Strategy**

A stakeholder consultation on universal access to telecoms services will be held in mid-February under the auspices of a World Bank technical assistance project.

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**“Towards a Myanmar Food Safety and Responsible Sourcing Initiative”**

The Conference Report for MCRB’s 8 November multistakeholder roundtable ‘Towards a Myanmar Food Safety & Responsible Sourcing Initiative based on recognised International Standards’ on 8-9 November, co-hosted with PRIME Agri, is now available [here](#).

[Read more](#)
Tour of the IBTC Distillery

On 23 January, the MCRB Team made a field trip to the International Beverages Trading Co (IBTC) distillery in Hmawbi to learn about their safety processes, labour issues and community engagement. We are grateful to IBTC for the mutual learning opportunity.

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