At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of 2010, the Platform welcomed a new member organisation to the coalition, the Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE) from India. “We look forward to the expertise and greater capacity that LIFE will bring to the Platform to challenge illegal shipbreaking practices in the Indian courts of justice!” says Helen Périvier, president of the NGO Shipbreaking Platform. The Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE) comprises of groups of lawyers working on issues of environmental democracy. It aims at creatively using the existing legal framework and institutions in protecting areas of vital ecological importance. LIFE works nationally with local groups, individuals and communities through a unique combination of litigation, investigation, information dissemination, capacity building and supporting campaigns and movements. Based in New Delhi, India.