 Platform welcomes two board members and a new member organisation
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22 September 2011 - The NGO Shipbreaking Platform is looking forward to a challenging and fulfilling 2012 as it welcomes onboard SDPI (Sustainable Development Policy Institute), its first-ever Pakistani member organisation. The Platform is also happy to welcome two new board members, Svend Søyland and Ritwick Dutta. Svend has done research on organised environmental crime for the United Nations and worked for the Norwegian Ministry of Environment. He headed the Bellona Foundation US office from 2005-2008, and has since then been responsible for international aspects of maritime affairs at the Bellona Oslo office. Ritwick, an environmental lawyer working for Legal Initiative on Forest and Environment (LIFE), is by the means of litigation shedding light on the devastating effects of the shipbreaking yards-borne pollution on the environment, local communities and workers in India. He has practiced in the Supreme Court of India since 2001. Kanwar Iqbal, Research Associate at SDPI, will be the local contact for our new Pakistani member organisation. Kanwar has already organised a seminar on the effects of shipbreaking in Karachi. He will be responsible for collecting data, raising awareness around the issue and building local and international ties with relevant organisations.