



# COORDINATION CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT (ICZM) IN BELGIUM



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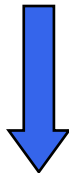
# Exploring ICZM: 1998-2001

## Demonstration project

TERRA – Coastal Zone Management (lead by the Agency for Maritime and Coastal Services)



Output: report on recommendations for ICZM



Main conclusion: need for a co-ordinated approach



# TERRA-CZM results (2001): main problems identified for ICZM in Belgium

- ✓ No formal or juridical procedures for ICZM
- ✓ Fragmentation of the responsibilities (between sectors and between authority levels)
- ✓ Strong sectoral approach
- ✓ Lack of co-ordination, consultation and communication
- ✓ No partnerships and stakeholder consultation



# TERRA-CZM results (2001): Priorities for ICZM in Belgium

- ✓ Need for a neutral co-ordinating body
- ✓ Involve all (or the main) authorities
- ✓ Show concrete results (not only strategies on paper)
- ✓ Link between science and policy
- ✓ Political support is needed



# 2001: Kick-off

## Coordination centre on ICZM

Co-ordination Centre was established as a project within the Objective 2 programme for the coast

Collaboration between:

- the province of West-Flanders (coastal province)
- the Flemish government: nature and coastal protection agency
- Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)
- Since 2005: federal government



# Evaluation of the Coordination centre

- September 2004: internal evaluation;
- June – October 2006: external evaluation;
  - 19 interviews with stakeholders
  - SWOT analysis
  - End report: oktober 2006



# Main conclusions from evaluation

- Evaluation was very positive. The stakeholders express the need for the Coordination Centre;
- The aims cover the needs and they are well implemented by the staff;
- The products and outputs are of a good quality;
- Need to clarify the statute, the organisational structure and the target audience;





# Protocol for the Coordination Centre, September 2007

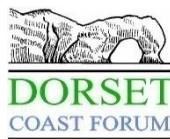




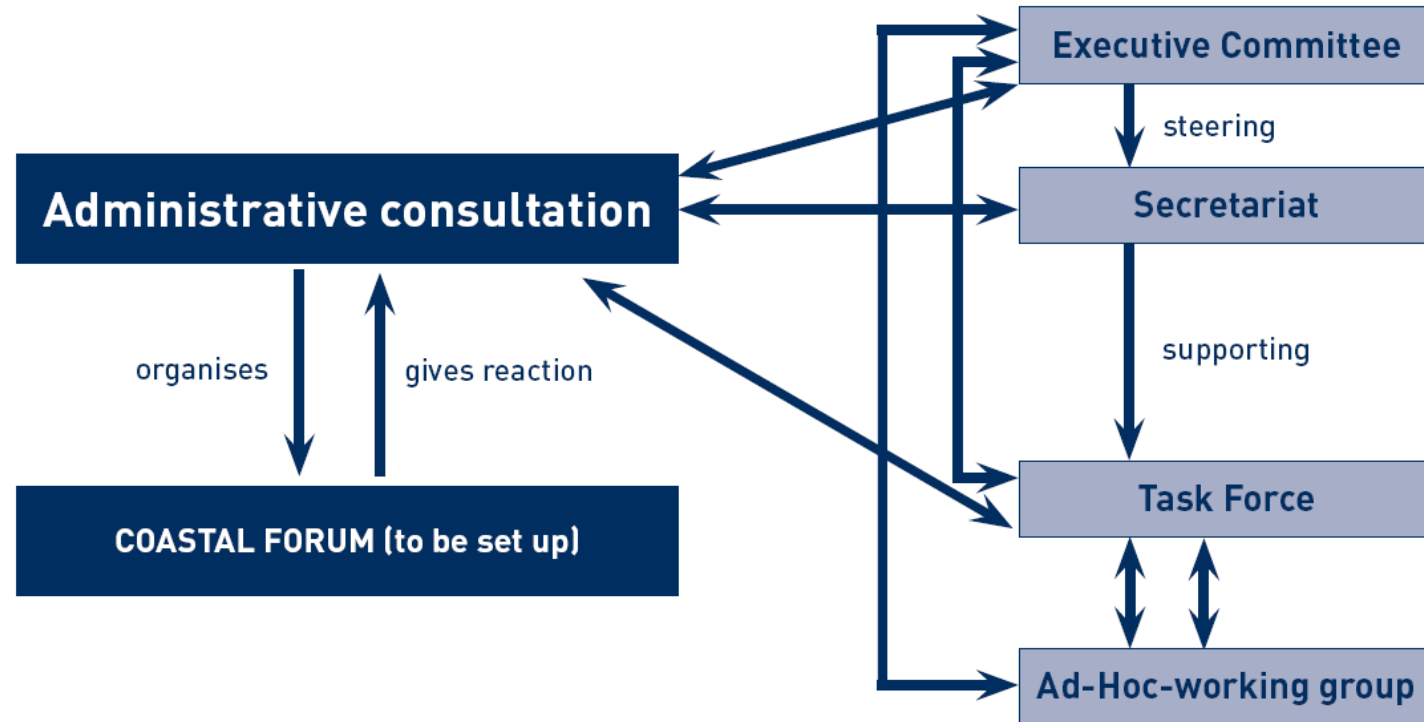
# Partners



- **The Provincial Government of West Flanders**, acting as responsible authority
- **The Flemish Government**  
Maritime and Coastal Services, Coastal division
- **The Flemish Government**  
Agency for Nature and Forests
- **Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)**, as a data and information centre
- Additional partner (to sign protocol): federal government (environmental department)



# Management structure and cooperation



# Mission: to stimulate integrated management of the coastal zone in Belgium



## Strategic objectives:

- Collaborate to implement the recommendation of the European Parliament and the Council of May 30th 2002 concerning the implementation of integrated management of coastal regions in Europe
- Promote the integration of planning and politics in the coastal region
- Create a basis for integrated coastal zone management



# Operational objectives

- Communication and raising awareness on ICZM
- Act as a focal point on ICZM (local and international)
- Offer a platform for consultation on ICZM
- Assure the follow-up of the sustainability indicators in the coastal zone
- Assist with the implementation of the EU recommendation concerning Integrated Coastal Zone Management; including preparation of the positions and policy advise



# Communication & Awareness raising

## Beach Management

**Lenteprikkel**  
Voor een boeiend en natuurlijker strand



- “Lenteprikkel”, spring clean up in all municipalities
- Information boards on the beach
- Training for the technical staff
- European project with the Netherlands





# Communication and sensibilisation: awards for sustainable projects



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# Activities

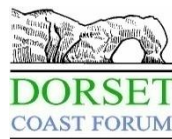


- Coastal forum
- Conferences (eg. Wrecks in the North Sea, gulls in the city)
- Workshops (eg. ecological beach management for municipalities)
- Communication campaign sustainable projects at the coast
- Participation at international conferences and networks
- ...



# Publications

- Looking ahead: sustainable coastal projects
- The Coastal Compass
- The Coastal atlas
- Intervention plan for oiled birds
- Brochure "About Waste and WASTE"
- The coast 2008



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maritime transport » sand and gravel extraction » dredge and dumping sites » military use » communication cables and gas pipes » energy generation » nature » fisheries - recreation

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**» Indicators for use of the sea :**

- Pressure for coastal and marine recreation
- Area of land and sea protected by statutory designations
- Effective management of designated sites
- Fish stocks and fish landings
- Renewable energy from coastal resources

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An initiative by the Co-ordination Centre for Integrated Coastal Zone Management



# Create a platform for consultation on ICZM

- Oiled wildlife intervention plan





# Create a platform for consultation on ICZM

- Protection of wrecks in the North Sea



Sessie 1 Wrakken als tijdsuikers  
14.45-16.00 uur

Sessie 2 Wrakken als oases van biologische rijkdom  
16.30-17.30 uur

Sessie 3 Wrakken als ontmoetingsplaatsen  
18.30-19.30 uur

dinsdag 20 juni 2006

**Studiedag Wrakmanschap of eeuwig verloren?**

**Doel van de studiedag** Waarom en hoe wrakken beschermen?

**Wanneer** dinsdag 20 juni 2006 van 13.30 tot 20.30 uur. De studiedag is zo georganiseerd dat het ook mogelijk is om slechts één sessie te volgen.

**Waar** Provinciaal Ankerpunt Kust, Wandelarkaaï 7, Oostende

**Door wie** Studiedag georganiseerd door het Coördinatiepunt Duurzaam Kustbeheer, in opdracht van Directoraat-generaal Leefmilieu van de FOD Volksgezondheid, Veiligheid van de Voedselketen en Leefmilieu en in samenwerking met het Beheersgebied Mathematisch Model Noordzee, Vlaams Instituut voor het Onroerend Erfgoed, ...

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# Create a platform for consultation on ICZM

## – Gulls @ Belgian coast

- Questionnaire and publication in 2006
- Seminar January 2008
- Consultation with municipalities
- Brochure & website





# First Coastal Stakeholder Forum

## 19 March 2009



# Implementing the ICZM Recommendation

- National Report on ICZM (2006)
- Participating in the ICZM Expert group and related working groups
- Follow-up of European developments



# Recommendations from first national report

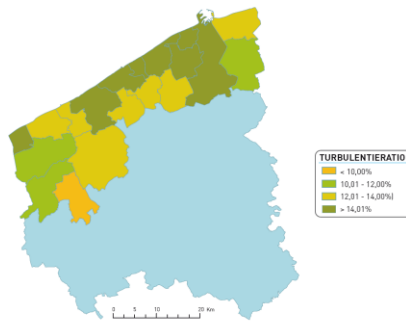
- Indicators as policy support instrument
- Concrete projects!
- Coastal forum for stakeholders
- More integration still needed
- Longer-term collaboration and adaptive management
- Stimulate long-term sectoral planning, and self-reflection about integration => food for long-term strategy for the coast



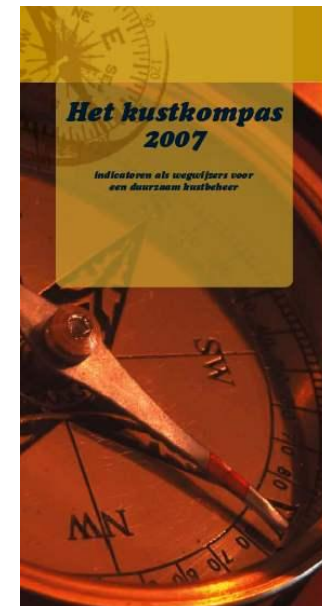
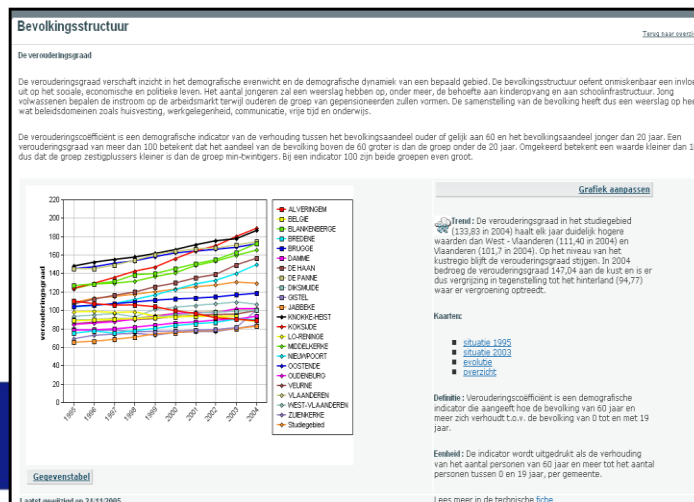
# Sustainability indicators

- Website: Coastal barometer
- Publications: Coastal Compass, MIRA-T, Grote Rede
- Comparison and co-operation with other European countries

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